

S 2824

Secure the Border Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (32 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Britt, Katie Boyd [R-AL]	R · AL		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	R · TN		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]	R · KY		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Schmitt, Eric [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Vance, J. D. [R-OH]	R · OH		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Sep 18, 2023
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 20, 2023
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Sep 21, 2023
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 29, 2023
Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE]	R · NE		Oct 24, 2023
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Dec 14, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jan 11, 2024
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 14, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2	Identical bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
118 HR 319	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
118 HR 1401	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
118 HR 2640	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
118 HR 2794	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
118 S 206	Related bill	Mar 18, 2024: Became Public Law No: 118-43.
118 HR 6477	Related bill	Dec 7, 2023: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6733-6734)
118 HR 5525	Related bill	Sep 29, 2023: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
118 S 1857	Related bill	Jun 7, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 1690	Related bill	May 5, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 30.
118 HR 2843	Related bill	Apr 25, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security.
118 HR 2580	Related bill	Apr 13, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 2557	Related bill	Apr 10, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.
118 HR 2417	Related bill	Mar 30, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 2432	Related bill	Mar 30, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 2436	Related bill	Mar 30, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 2453	Related bill	Mar 30, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 1703	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security.
118 S 918	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 S 505	Related bill	Feb 16, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 29	Related bill	Feb 8, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement.
118 HR 336	Related bill	Feb 8, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement.
118 HR 596	Related bill	Feb 8, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement.

Secure the Border Act of 2023

This bill addresses issues regarding immigration and border security, including by imposing limits to asylum eligibility.

For example, the bill

- requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to resume activities to construct a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border;
- provides statutory authorization for Operation Stonegarden, which provides grants to law enforcement agencies for certain border security operations;
- prohibits DHS from processing the entry of non-U.S. nationals (*aliens* under federal law) arriving between ports of entry;
- limits asylum eligibility to non-U.S. nationals who arrive in the United States at a port of entry;
- authorizes the removal of a non-U.S. national to a country other than that individual's country of nationality or last lawful habitual residence, whereas currently this type of removal may only be to a country that has an agreement with the United States for such removal;
- expands the types of crimes that may make an individual ineligible for asylum, such as a conviction for driving while intoxicated causing another person's serious bodily injury or death;
- authorizes DHS to suspend the introduction of certain non-U.S. nationals at an international border if DHS determines that the suspension is necessary to achieve operational control of that border;
- prohibits states from imposing licensing requirements on immigration detention facilities used to detain minors;
- authorizes immigration officers to permit an unaccompanied alien child to withdraw their application for admission into the United States even if the child is unable to make an independent decision to withdraw the application;
- imposes additional penalties for overstaying a visa; and
- requires DHS to create an electronic employment eligibility confirmation system modeled after the E-Verify system and requires all employers to use the system.

Actions Timeline

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