

HR 4309

ASPIRE Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

Introduced: Jun 22, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services,

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Jun 22, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jun 22, 2023
Rep. Goldman, Daniel S. [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Aug 22, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 22, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 22, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2175	Identical bill	Jun 22, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 1325	Related bill	Mar 1, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Assisting Seekers in Pursuit of Integration and Rapid Employment Act or the ASPIRE Act

This bill addresses issues related to asylum applicants and migrants, including by directing the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide employment authorization for eligible asylum applicants. Currently, asylum applicants are not entitled to employment authorization but may be granted such by the Department of Justice.

Such employment authorization is valid until the applicant receives a final denial of the application, including any administrative and judicial review. The bill also shortens the waiting period for receiving employment authorization to 30 days from the filing of the asylum application.

In addition, the bill authorizes U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to take actions to address the asylum backlog, including by hiring additional asylum officers.

The bill also authorizes DHS to provide funding to state and local governments and nonprofit organizations for support services for migrants (e.g., food and shelter).

Actions Timeline

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