

HR 4954

Immigrants’ Mental Health Act of 2023

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 27, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 27, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Immigrants' Mental Health Act of 2023

This bill directs Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to take steps to address mental health issues among immigrants and CBP agents and officers. It also restricts the sharing of mental health information for use in certain immigration proceedings.

CBP shall develop training to enable its agents and officers to (1) identify mental health issues and risk factors in immigrants and refugees, (2) provide crisis intervention using a trauma-informed approach, and (3) better manage work-related stress and psychological pressures.

CBP shall assign at least one qualified mental or behavioral health expert to each Border Patrol station, port of entry, checkpoint, forward operating base, secondary inspection area, and short-term custody facility.

The Department of Health and Human Services may not provide to the Department of Homeland Security information about the mental health of a non-U.S. national (*alien* under federal law) that was obtained by a mental health professional while the individual was in federal government custody if the information will be used for (1) an asylum determination, (2) an immigration hearing, or (3) a deportation hearing.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 27, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement.