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A bill to prohibit individuals charged with or convicted of human trafficking or drug trafficking offenses committed near the border of the United States from receiving Federal benefits.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Feb 16, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN] | R · IN | | Feb 16, 2023 |
| Sen. Britt, Katie Boyd [R-AL] | R · AL | | Feb 16, 2023 |
| Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS] | R · MS | | Feb 16, 2023 |
| Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD] | R · SD | | Feb 16, 2023 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Referred To | Feb 16, 2023 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 HR 1116 | Related bill | Feb 21, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability. |

This bill prohibits an individual who is indicted for, charged with, or convicted of a covered trafficking offense from receiving federal benefits.

Covered trafficking offense refers to a human trafficking offense or a drug trafficking offense occurring at an international border, or within the territorial waters, of the United States.

Federal benefit refers to (1) the issuance of any grant, contract, loan, professional license, or commercial license provided by a U.S. agency or by appropriated U.S. funds; and (2) any retirement, welfare, Social Security, health, disability, veterans, public housing, or other similar benefit.

The bill requires the federal government to provide retroactive benefits payments for an individual who has the charge dismissed or is found not guilty of the covered trafficking offense.

Actions Timeline

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