

## S 685

### Stopping Border Surges Act

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Mar 7, 2023
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Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 7, 2023
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Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 7, 2023
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 7, 2023
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 7, 2023
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		Mar 7, 2023
Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 29, 2023
Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE]	R · NE		Oct 24, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 7, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3217	Related bill	<b>May 11, 2023:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 2580	Related bill	<b>Apr 13, 2023:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Mar 7, 2023)

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This bill modifies immigration law provisions relating to unaccompanied alien minors and to asylum seekers.

For certain unaccompanied inadmissible alien children, generally those not at risk of being trafficking victims nor having a fear of persecution, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall repatriate the child. Currently, only inadmissible unaccompanied aliens from neighboring countries are subject to repatriation, and DHS has discretion whether to repatriate.

When the Department of Health and Human Services releases an unaccompanied child to an individual, it must provide DHS with certain information about that individual. DHS must investigate the individual's immigration status and if the individual is not lawfully present in the United States, DHS must initiate removal proceedings against the individual.

The bill requires a stricter standard to find a credible fear of persecution and imposes additional rules on credible fear interviews.

If an alien is granted asylum because of fear of persecution in a country, the alien shall be deemed to have renounced asylum status by returning to that country, if there has been no change in the country's conditions.

The bill also (1) expands the definition of what constitutes a frivolous asylum application, (2) imposes additional limitations on eligibility for asylum, (3) shortens the deadline for applying for asylum, and (4) extends the time period an alien seeking asylum must wait before receiving employment authorization.

Any individual who knowingly and willfully makes materially false statements or uses fraudulent documents in asylum-related proceedings shall be fined or imprisoned up to 10 years, or both.

### Actions Timeline

- **Mar 7, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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