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Border Safety and Security Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 8, 2023)

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Sponsor

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

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 8, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 29	Related bill	Feb 8, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement.

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This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to suspend the entry of certain non-U.S. nationals (*aliens* under federal law) during any period when DHS cannot detain such an individual or return the individual to a foreign country contiguous to the United States. Specifically, DHS must suspend the entry of non-U.S. nationals who (1) are unlawfully present, (2) arrive in the United States at a time or place other than as designated by DHS, or (3) do not possess valid entry documents.

A state may sue DHS to enforce this requirement.

The bill also authorizes DHS to suspend the entry of such non-U.S. nationals if DHS determines that such a suspension is necessary to achieve operational control over such a border.

(Under current law, such non-U.S. nationals who arrive at the border are generally subject to expedited removal. However, if such an individual is found to have a credible fear of persecution, they are typically subject to detention while their asylum claim is being considered.)

Actions Timeline

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