



BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2013 (S. 744) FACT SHEET

Please note: This is a concise listing of specific provisions, not a comprehensive analysis of the bill.

BORDER SECURITY

- Reauthorizes the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP).
- Requires 90% of Operation Stonegarden funds be used for reimbursement to law enforcement agencies in the Southwest border region for personnel, overtime, travel, and other related costs. Allocations to law enforcement for Operation Stonegarden will be allocated through a competitive grant process.
- Requires an additional 20,000 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers be hired by 2017, bringing CBP to a total of 38,405 agents.
- Requires CBP to deploy systems necessary to maintain 24-hour surveillance on Southwest border (i.e., unarmed and unmanned aerial vehicles, fixed-wing aircraft, rotocraft, etc.).
- Authorizes deployment of National Guard units to secure Southwest border region, with approval from Secretary of Homeland Security.
- Increases funding for border crossing prosecutions in the Southwest border region.
- Reimburses State, local and tribal law enforcement agencies for the cost of Federally-initiated border prosecutions. (*note: bill does not indicate if reimbursements would be full or partial*)
- Authorizes additional immigration judges and Board of Immigration Appeals personnel.
- Establishes Department of Homeland Security Border Oversight Task Force.
- Requires the Transportation Secretary to establish biometric exit data systems at U.S. airports with the highest volume of international travel.
- Appropriates \$46.3 billion to the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Trust fund to be paid for by immigration fees, fines, and surcharges.

IMMIGRANT VISAS

- Establishes “registered provisional immigrant” status and sets criteria for eligibility, which includes:
 - Inadmissibility provisions for aliens with certain criminal histories (including gang affiliation, habitual drunk driving, sexual abuse of a minor, past illegal entries, and reentry of previously removed aliens)
 - Limitations to the Secretary of Homeland Security’s authority to issue waivers for inadmissible aliens
 - Does not extend eligibility to those aliens who illegally entered the United States after December 31, 2011

- Makes amendments to H-1B, H-2A, H-2B, L, U, and V Visa programs.
- Establishes W Visa for agricultural workers.
- Grants J nonimmigrant status to aliens who are proficient in and will be teaching certain languages.
- Provides work authorization for aliens who are eligible for status as VAWA self-petitioners or with T or U visas while applications are pending.
- Allows DREAMers (those registered provisional immigrants who have completed post-secondary education or uniformed services) to be granted permanent immigrant status.
- Removal proceedings for immigrants who have overstayed their visas should be within 180 days of enactment.
- Requires implementation of an electronic entry/exit system at all air and sea ports of entry.

EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEM

- Requires all employers to fully implement the employment verification system.
- Requires Social Security Administration to begin issuing “fraud-resistant, tamper-resistant, wear-resistant, and identity theft-resistant” Social Security cards within 5 years of bill’s enactment
- Requires non-citizens to present “biometric work authorization card” or “biometric green card”
- Requires all employers to be compliant within 5 years of bill
- Establishes requirements for foreign recruiters attempting to obtain visas for their employees.

PROTECTIONS FOR FAMILIES, BATTERED WOMEN, AND CHILDREN

- Requires DHS to establish standards for humane conditions for children in custody of CBP.
- Requires the Secretary of Homeland Security and cooperating entities to determine, for each apprehended individual, whether or not they are a parent or have a spouse, to act in the best interest of children involved, and attempt to maintain family unity whenever possible.
- Provides immigration status for certain battered children and spouses.
- Provides protections for unaccompanied alien children and female detainees in the verification process.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE REPORT (RELEASED JUNE 13, 2013)

- Reduces federal deficits by \$197 billion over the next ten years, \$700 billion in the second decade.
- Increases government spending by \$262 billion but will increase revenues by \$459 billion (mainly from new income and payroll taxes for immigrants)