

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To require the Department of Homeland Security to publish various publications and reports regarding the number of aliens seeking entry along the southern border of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Southern Border  
5 Transparency Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF PAROLE AT PORTS OF**  
2 **ENTRY.**

3 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act, and monthly thereafter, the Commis-  
5 sioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall pub-  
6 lish on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website,  
7 with respect to the applicable reporting period—

8 (1) the number of aliens granted parole under  
9 section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nation-  
10 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) at each United  
11 States port of entry;

12 (2) the number of aliens encountered between  
13 land ports of entry who were subsequently granted  
14 parole, disaggregated by the U.S. Border Patrol sec-  
15 tor;

16 (3) the citizenship or nationality of the aliens  
17 described in paragraphs (1) and (2); and

18 (4) the demographic category of the aliens de-  
19 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2), including—

20 (A) accompanied minors;

21 (B) aliens granted parole as part of a fam-  
22 ily unit;

23 (C) single adults; and

24 (D) unaccompanied alien children.

1 **SEC. 3. QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROCESSING ALIENS AT**  
2 **SOUTHERN BORDER PORTS OF ENTRY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, and quarterly there-  
5 after, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

6 (1) submit a report containing the information  
7 described in subsection (b) to—

8 (A) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
9 Senate;

10 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security  
11 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

12 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
13 House of Representatives; and

14 (D) the Committee on Homeland Security  
15 of the House of Representatives; and

16 (2) post such report on the Department of  
17 Homeland Security website.

18 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under sub-  
19 section (a) shall include, with respect to the applicable re-  
20 porting period—

21 (1) the number of aliens apprehended or other-  
22 wise encountered—

23 (A) at each port of entry along the south-  
24 ern border of the United States; and

25 (B) within each U.S. Border Patrol sector  
26 along the southern border of the United States;

1           (2) the number of aliens described in paragraph  
2           (1), disaggregated by—

3                   (A) citizenship or nationality;

4                   (B) demographic categories, including ac-  
5           companied minors, aliens granted parole as part  
6           of a family unit, single adults, and unaccom-  
7           panied alien children;

8                   (C) those who were granted voluntary de-  
9           parture;

10                  (D) those who were placed into expedited  
11           removal proceedings; and

12                  (E) those who entered into a process or  
13           outcome not described in subparagraph (C) or  
14           (D), including a description of such process or  
15           outcome;

16           (3) the number of aliens described in paragraph  
17           (2)(D), disaggregated by the number of such aliens  
18           who received a credible fear screening interview pur-  
19           suant to section 235(b)(1)(B) of the Immigration  
20           and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(B)) or a  
21           reasonable fear screening interview;

22           (4) the number of aliens described in paragraph  
23           (3), disaggregated by—

1 (A) the number of aliens determined to  
2 have a credible fear of persecution or a reason-  
3 able fear of persecution; and

4 (B) the number of aliens determined not to  
5 have a credible fear of persecution or a reason-  
6 able fear of persecution;

7 (5) the number of aliens described in paragraph  
8 (4)(A), disaggregated by the number of aliens de-  
9 tained pursuant to section 235(b)(1)(B)(iii)(IV) of  
10 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
11 1225(b)(1)(B)(iii)(IV));

12 (6) the number of aliens described in paragraph  
13 (4)(B), disaggregated by—

14 (A) those who were removed from the  
15 United States;

16 (B) those who were detained pending re-  
17 moval; and

18 (C) those who are not described in sub-  
19 paragraph (A) or (B); and

20 (7) a description of any actions taken against  
21 the aliens described in paragraph (6)(C).

1 **SEC. 4. QUARTERLY REPORT ON PAROLE REQUESTS PROC-**  
2 **ESSED BY U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRA-**  
3 **TION SERVICES.**

4 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  
5 ment of this Act, and quarterly thereafter, the Director  
6 of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services shall pub-  
7 lish, on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigrations Services  
8 website—

9 (1) the number of petitions for parole submitted  
10 to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services pursu-  
11 ant to section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Na-  
12 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)); and

13 (2) the number of such petitions that were  
14 granted by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Serv-  
15 ices, disaggregated by the nationality of the peti-  
16 tioner.

17 **SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORT ON ALIENS PAROLED INTO THE**  
18 **UNITED STATES.**

19 Section 602(b) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and  
20 Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1182  
21 note) is amended to read as follows:

22 “(b) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
24 after the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary of  
25 Homeland Security shall submit a report to the  
26 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the Com-

1        mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-  
2        fairs of the Senate, the Committee on the Judiciary  
3        of the House of Representatives, and the Committee  
4        on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-  
5        tives that identifies the number of aliens paroled  
6        into the United States pursuant to section 212(d)(5)  
7        of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
8        1182(d)(5)), disaggregated by those who are—

9                “(A) of a particular nationality;

10               “(B) single adults;

11               “(C) traveling in a family group;

12               “(D) children accompanied by an adult  
13        family member; or

14               “(E) unaccompanied alien minors.

15               “(2) CONTENTS.—Each report required under  
16        paragraph (1) shall include—

17               “(A) the total number of aliens paroled  
18        into the United States during the fiscal year  
19        immediately preceding the fiscal year in which  
20        such report is submitted, disaggregated by—

21                        “(i) citizenship or nationality;

22                        “(ii) demographic categories, includ-  
23        ing accompanied minors, aliens granted pa-  
24        role as part of a family unit, single adults,  
25        and unaccompanied alien children;

1           “(B) for each fiscal year for which the De-  
2           partment of Homeland Security reports the in-  
3           formation described in subparagraph (A) re-  
4           garding aliens described in such subpara-  
5           graph—

6                   “(i) the number of such aliens who  
7                   were granted employment authorization;

8                   “(ii) the number of aliens described in  
9                   clause (i) who had valid employment au-  
10                  thorization at the end of the previous fiscal  
11                  year;

12                  “(iii) the number of such aliens whose  
13                  parole has not ended, including those who  
14                  exited the United States during the pre-  
15                  vious fiscal year;

16                  “(iv) the number of such aliens whose  
17                  status was adjusted, disaggregated by sta-  
18                  tus type;

19                  “(v) the number of such aliens for  
20                  whom parole was extended, including those  
21                  who exited the United States;

22                  “(vi) the number of such aliens for  
23                  whom the duration of parole expired, in-  
24                  cluding those who exited the United  
25                  States; and



1                   “(vii) the number of aliens who re-  
2                   turned to Department of Homeland Secu-  
3                   rity custody from which they were paroled,  
4                   disaggregated by the categories listed in  
5                   subparagraphs (A) through (E) of para-  
6                   graph (1).”.