

How Tough is the Senate's Immigration Bill?

| | Failed 2007 Comprehensive Immigration Reform Bill | Under Current Law | Gang of 8 Bill (as passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee) | Final Senate Bill (as passed out of the Senate with Corker-Hoeven Border Surge Amendment) |
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| Size of Border Patrol Force | 20,000 | 21,444 | Increases by 3,500 the number in existence on day of enactment | 38,405 |
| Miles of Pedestrian Border Fence | 370 | 352 | Requires submission and implementation of southern border fencing strategy & allocates \$1.5 billion, but has no length requirements | 700 |
| Minimum Technology Deployment at the Border | Calls for increased use of DoD equipment and technology, such as radar, virtual fence, and aerial surveillance technology, including: • 105 radar and camera towers • 4 unmanned aerial vehicles | Current technology deployed at the border includes at least: • 6 unmanned aerial vehicles • 300 remote video surveillance systems • 47 mobile surveillance systems • 310 non-intrusive inspection systems • 1,460 radiation portal monitor • 13,400 ground sensors • 168 radar and camera towers • 120 aircraft | Does not require any specific numbers, just calls for general increase in use of technology at the border | Requires minimum deployment for specific sectors, which adds up to: 86 integrated fixed towers 488 fixed camera systems 232 mobile surveillance systems 4595 unattended ground sensors 820 handheld equipment devices 7 non-intrusive inspection systems 1 radiation portal monitor 1 littoral detection & classification network 93 sensor repeaters 90 communications repeaters 53 fiber-optic tank inspection scopes 28 license plate readers 5 backscatters 37 portable contraband detectors 16 radiation isotope identification devices 88 radiation isotope identification device updates 416 personal radiation detectors 62 mobile automated targeting systems 4 camera refreshes 1 real time radioscopy version 4 26 mobile/hand-held inspection scopes and sensors |

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| Visa Overstays Notification Program | NO | NO | NO | Pilot Program |
| Biometric Exit Data System | Authorizes the collection of biometric data at entry and exit points and calls for the implementation of a system at all land ports of entry | NO | Establishes a mandatory biometric exit data system at the 10 highest-volume U.S. international airports within 2 years, and within 6 years the program must be expanded to all the Core 30 international airports in the U.S. Also requires within 6 years the submission of a plan to expand this system to major land and sea entry and exit points | Establishes a mandatory biometric exit data system at the 10 highest-volume U.S. international airports within 2 years, and within 6 years the program must be expanded to all the Core 30 international airports in the U.S. Also requires within 6 years the submission of a plan to expand this system to major land and sea entry and exit points |
| International Transit Strategy | NO | NO | NO | Requires the creation and implementation of a strategy to prevent unauthorized immigrants from transiting into the U.S. from Mexico, including the provision training to Central American law enforcement and an educational campaign in Mexico about this new law, the likelihood that illegal border crossers will be apprehended, and the difficulty any undocumented person will have working in the U.S. because of E-Verify |

| Federal Benefits for Undocumented Immigrants | Denies eligibility for any means-tested federal benefit | Denies eligibility for most federal benefits | Denies eligibility for any means- tested federal benefit | Not only denies eligibility for any means-tested federal benefit but also explicitly states that undocumented workers' past wages cannot be counted for Social Security, denies any eligibility for welfare before citizenship, & prohibits the waiver of requirements, prohibitions, or state penalties disqualifying the receipt of benefits |
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| Trigger | Before any undocumented immigrant can be granted legal status or a green card: operational control of 100% of SW border must be demonstrated 370 miles of pedestrian fence and 300 miles of vehicle barriers must be completed a fraud proof-employment verification system must be created and operational 20,000 border agents must be operational at the border 4 unmanned aerial vehicles must be operational at the border detention of all apprehended border crossers must be achieved | N/A | Before any undocumented immigrant can receive provisionary status: surveillance and fencing plan must begin implementation Before any undocumented immigrant can receive a green card: surveillance plan must be substantially operational fencing plan must be substantially complete implementation of mandatory E-Verify entry/exit system at land and sea ports must be operational | Before any undocumented immigrant can receive a green card, six months must have passed since: submission and deployment of the Comprehensive Southern Border Security Strategy completion of 700 miles of pedestrian fence implementation of mandatory E-Verify use of the biometric entry/exit system at major and sea ports of entry and exit deployment of at least 38,405 full time border patrol agents at the Southern border |