



Summary of H.R. 3314

Resettlement Accountability National Security Act

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H.R. 3314, introduced by Congressman Brian Babin (R-TX), is a bill that suspends the refugee resettlement program while the Government Accountability Office (GAO) analyzes the cost of the program on Federal, State, and local governments. The bill also requires Congressional approval before the U.S. resumes admitting refugees.

I. The bill immediately suspends the refugee resettlement program and requires Congressional authorization to resume admitting refugees.

Section 2 prohibits the DHS Secretary from admitting refugees into the country under INA Section 207 until Congress passes a joint resolution giving the Secretary authority to resume admitting aliens under the program.

II. The bill requires GAO to provide a report on the costs of the refugee program on Federal, State, and local governments.

Section 3 requires the Comptroller General to submit a report to Congress within 90 days after enactment detailing the costs of the program over the past 10 years. Section 4 lists the programs GAO must analyze: (1) Medicare (42 U.S.C. § 1395 et seq.); (2) Medicaid (42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq.); (3) Social Security disability insurance (42 U.S.C. § 402 et seq.); (4) supplemental nutrition assistance program (food stamps) (7 U.S.C. § 2011 et seq.); and (5) Section 8 rental assistance (42 U.S.C. § 1437f).

III. Contents of the GAO report.

The Comptroller General must include the following information in the report to Congress:

- Average duration aliens received the benefits;
- Percentage of aliens who received benefits under each program;
- Annual cost to each program utilized by these aliens;
- Number of aliens who, during the first year of being admitted to the U.S. paid (1) Federal income tax or (2) Federal employment tax;
- Annual cost for providing Section 8 housing assistance to these aliens;

- Number and percentage of aliens who received benefits after being admitted to the U.S. for 2, 5, and 10 years; and
- Annual cost to Federal, State, and local governments for “providing other benefits and services, directly or indirectly, to such aliens.”

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