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IN THE CONGRESS OF THE  
UNITED STATES

*December 8, 2020*

Sponsor: Senator Schlorp (L-CA)

CoSponsor: Senator Morales (D-WI), Senator Koay-Johnson (SP-MD), Senator Romerio (SP-IT), Senator Kyouko Chan (D-NY), Senator Smith (L-LA), Senator Loulou (D-FR), Senator Julian Griffin (SP-WA) and Senator Walker (L-MA)

Introduce the Following Bill to the Virtual Congress of the United States of America:

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**S. 20**

**A Bill**

*To Prevent the Deportation of Migrant Children and Provide a Path Towards Citizenship  
for Childhood Arrivals.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
UNITED STATES IN THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** This Legislation may be cited as the “Citizenship for Childhood Arrivals Act”

**SECTION 2.** PROVIDING FOR HUMANE TREATMENT AND THE EXPOSURE OF  
INHUMANE TREATMENT ----The Following Amendments shall be made to the Homeland  
Security Act:

- (a) Section 452 (d)(3) shall be amended to insert “as well as those individuals applying for visas or citizenship status” so that the full section reads “shall ensure that the local telephone number for each local office of the Ombudsman is published and available to

individuals and employers served by the office, as well as those individuals applying for visas or citizenship status; and”

- (b) Section 462 (b)(1)(H) shall be amended by inserting “wherein both parties desire to be reunited” so that the full section reads “reuniting unaccompanied alien children with a parent abroad in appropriate cases wherein both parties desire to be reunited;”
- (c) Section 462 (b)(1)(L) shall be amended by inserting “to ensure that such facilities are humane and have a surplus of resources necessary to ensure humane treatment.” so that the full section reads “conducting investigations and inspections of facilities and other entities in which unaccompanied alien children reside to ensure that such facilities are humane and have a surplus of resources necessary to ensure humane treatment.”
- (d) Strike Section 474 (So as to provide for the removal of a now false indication of the sense of the Congress)

### **SECTION 3: PROVIDING CITIZENSHIP TO CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS**

- (a) Insert Subsection (3) into Section 462 (g) that shall read as follows:

“(3) The Term “Childhood Arrival” shall mean any person who came to the United States as an Unaccompanied Alien Child, or all those who ---

- (a) came to the United States under the age of sixteen;
- (b) has continuously resided in the United States for a least five years preceding the date of this memorandum and is present in the United States on the date of this memorandum;
- (c) is currently in school, has graduated from high school, has obtained a general education development certificate, or is an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States;
- (d) has not been convicted of a felony offense or otherwise poses a threat to national security or public safety; and
- (e) is not above the age of thirty.

- (b) Subsection (h) shall be inserted into Section 462 of the Homeland Security Act that shall read as follows:

“(h) CITIZENSHIP STATUS FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS --- All Childhood Arrivals as defined in Subsection (g)(3) shall, upon application, be granted a pathway towards citizenship status as determined by Federal Statute and departmental policy

without threat of deportation or arrest on the basis of their immigrant or undocumented status.

- (1) Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shall utilize its Office of the Public Advocate to implement a clear and efficient process through which Childhood Arrivals shall be able to identify themselves.
- (2) ICE and the Department of Homeland Security shall be instructed to immediately cease the prosecution of those who apply for Childhood Arrival Status.
- (3) All those who fulfill all of the criteria of being considered a Childhood Arrival except for subsection (3)(E) shall be eligible for prosecutorial discretion on an individual basis.”