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# H. R. 5969

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Mr. CARL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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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 “Border Security is Na-  
5 tional Security Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMMIGRATION JUDGE TEAMS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General  
9 shall appoint or hire, as applicable, 200 immigration judge  
10 teams to serve in a court in the Southern District of

1 Texas, Southern District of California, Western District  
2 of Texas, District of Arizona, or the District of New Mex-  
3 ico.

4 (b) IMMIGRATION JUDGE TEAM DEFINED.—In this  
5 section, the term “immigration judge team” includes:

6 (1) One immigration judge (as defined by sec-  
7 tion 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
8 U.S.C. 1101)).

9 (2) One attorney.

10 (3) One legal assistant.

11 (4) Two other full-time employees, including ad-  
12 ditional legal staff, interpreters, or other staff sup-  
13 porting the mission of the Executive Office for Im-  
14 migration Review.

15 **SEC. 3. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS.**

16 (a) PORT OF ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR APPLICA-  
17 TION.—Section 208(b)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Na-  
18 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 118(b)(1)(A)) is amended—

19 (1) by striking “The Secretary of Homeland Se-  
20 curity” and inserting the following:

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
22 Homeland Security”; and

23 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
24 clause:

1                   “(ii) PORT OF ENTRY REQUIRE-  
2                   MENT.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
3                   rity or the Attorney General may grant  
4                   asylum to an alien in accordance with this  
5                   Act only if such alien has applied for asy-  
6                   lum after entering the United States at a  
7                   port of entry.”.

8           (b) OFFICERS OF U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PRO-  
9           TECTION AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT ASYLUM INTER-  
10          VIEWS.—Section 235(b)(1)(E) of the Immigration and  
11          Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(E)) is amended in  
12          the matter preceding clause (i), by inserting “, including  
13          an officer of U.S. Customs and Border Protection,” after  
14          “immigration officer”.

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