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To require the Attorney General to make grants to nonprofit organizations to offer legal assistance to certain aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, DACA recipients, and refugees, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CORREA (for himself, Ms. HANABUSA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. LEE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Mrs. TORRES, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. SOTO, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. VELA, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. O’ROURKE, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. RASKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To require the Attorney General to make grants to nonprofit organizations to offer legal assistance to certain aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, DACA recipients, and refugees, and for other purposes.

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 “DREAMers, Immi-
5 grants, and Refugees (DIRe) Legal Aid Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General
9 shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, make
10 grants to nonprofit legal services providers with immigra-
11 tion law expertise to provide legal services and advice with
12 respect to the immigration laws (and any executive branch
13 orders, regulations, rules, memoranda, or other guidance
14 under such laws) to aliens who—

15 (1) are present in the United States;

16 (2) are described in subsection (b); and

17 (3) have been ordered removed, are in removal
18 proceedings, or are at risk of being denied entry or
19 admission into the United States.

20 (b) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in
21 this subsection if—

22 (1) the alien is lawfully admitted to the United
23 States for permanent residence;

24 (2) the alien received a grant of deferred action
25 under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

1 program established pursuant to the memorandum
2 of the Secretary of Homeland Security dated June
3 15, 2012; or

4 (3) the alien, or the alien's spouse or parent,
5 has been admitted, or has been determined to be
6 qualified for admission, as a refugee.

7 (c) DISSEMINATION OF CONTACT INFORMATION.—

8 The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide aliens
9 described in subsection (a) with the contact information
10 for providers receiving funds under this section and shall
11 afford aliens in detention an opportunity to speak in per-
12 son or by telephone to, and arrange representation by,
13 such a provider.

14 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
15 are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 to carry out
16 this section.

17 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON DISPARITIES IN OUTCOMES FOR ALIENS**
18 **IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS BASED ON HAV-**
19 **ING LEGAL REPRESENTATION.**

20 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, act-
22 ing through the Under Secretary for Science and Tech-
23 nology, shall carry out a study on the relative outcomes
24 for individuals in removal proceedings who have legal rep-
25 resentation as compared to individuals who lack legal rep-

1 resentation and shall submit to the Congress recommenda-
2 tions for correcting any disparities in outcomes found
3 through such study.

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