

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study of the workload at the Executive Office for Immigration Review and to limit the staff increases at the Executive Office of Immigration Review to the level determined by such study to be necessary to efficiently manage such workload.

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To provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY

Viz:

1 Beginning on page 582, strike line 6 and all that fol-
2 lows through “(d)” on page 583, line 2, and insert the
3 following:

4 (a) IMMIGRATION COURT JUDGES.—The Attorney
5 General may increase the total number of immigration
6 judges to adjudicate current pending cases and process fu-
7 ture cases, in a cost-effective manner, to the extent that
8 such increase is consistent with the findings in the report
9 prepared by the Comptroller General of the United States
10 pursuant to subsection (d).

1 (b) NECESSARY SUPPORT STAFF FOR IMMIGRATION
2 COURT JUDGES.—The Attorney General may address the
3 shortage of support staff for immigration judges by ensur-
4 ing that each immigration judge has the assistance of the
5 necessary support staff to the extent recommended in the
6 report prepared by the Comptroller General of the United
7 States pursuant to subsection (d).

8 (c) ANNUAL INCREASES IN BOARD OF IMMIGRATION
9 APPEALS PERSONNEL.—The Attorney General may in-
10 crease the number of Board of Immigration Appeals staff
11 attorneys and support staff to the extent that such in-
12 crease is consistent with the findings in the report pre-
13 pared by the Comptroller General of the United States
14 pursuant to subsection (d).

15 (d) STUDY AND REPORT.—

16 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
17 United States shall conduct a study of—

18 (A) the workload at the Executive Office
19 for Immigration Review of the Department of
20 Justice (referred to in this paragraph as the
21 “EOIR”) during the 1-year period beginning on
22 the date of the enactment of this Act;

23 (B) the change in the workload at the
24 EOIR from the 1-year period ending on the

1 date of the enactment of this Act to the period
2 described in subparagraph (A);

3 (C) the potential impact of this Act on the
4 workload at the EOIR during the 15-year pe-
5 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of
6 this Act; and

7 (D) the number of judges, attorneys, and
8 support staff needed at the EOIR to cost-effec-
9 tively manage the workload described in sub-
10 paragraph (A).

11 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-
13 troller General shall submit a report to the Com-
14 mittee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Com-
15 mittee on the Judiciary of the House of Representa-
16 tives that contains the results of the study conducted
17 under paragraph (1), including any staffing rec-
18 ommendations.

19 (e)