

**PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCACY**

***DREAM Act Introduced!***

On Friday, November 18th, a bipartisan group of Senators officially introduced the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act of 2005, S. 2075, giving new life to legislation that has been in a holding pattern since the beginning of the year. The features of the DREAM Act of 2005 are nearly identical to the version that passed the Senate Judiciary Committee last Congress by a 16-3 vote.

The sponsors of the DREAM Act of 2005 are **Richard Durbin (D-IL)**, **Chuck Hagel (R-NE)** and **Richard Lugar (R-IN)**.

If enacted, the DREAM Act, S. 2075, would transform the lives of persons who were brought to the U.S. years ago as undocumented children and who have stayed in school and out of trouble since their arrival. Currently these individuals have no pathway to legalize their immigration status and get on with their lives. The DREAM Act would correct this flaw. Upon high school graduation, these individuals would be able to apply for six years of conditional legal immigration status, which would be made permanent if they continue on to college or to serve in the military.

It will become law if passed by both houses of Congress and signed by the President before the end of 2006.

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