

**Bill Number: H.R. 1589**

**Bill Sponsor:** Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]

**Title of Bill: American Dream and Promise Act of 2025**

**Current Text** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1589/text>

**Status:** Introduced 2/26/2025 by the House of Representatives

**Summary:** To authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain aliens, and for other purposes.

**P&A Committee Insights:**

**Pros:**

- Summary: Pathway to legal citizenship for Dreamers, TPS, and DED holders. Also supports higher education for undocumented students.
- The bill creates a pathway to permanent legal status for Dreamers (long-term residents who entered the US as children) in Title I of the bill, titled the Dream Act of 2025. It also creates a pathway to permanent legal status for TPS (Temporary Protected Status) and DED (Deferred Enforced Departure) holders, as outlined in Title II of the American Promise Act of 2025.
- The bill would also restore the state option to determine residency for the purpose of higher education benefits, which means that students could be granted in-state tuition.
- Title III of the bill is titled General Provisions and includes definitions, documentation requirements, and a grant program to assist eligible applicants. The bill thus lists the criteria for someone to qualify.
- The policy area for the bill is immigration, a topic of interest for NAHN (NAHN Immigration Toolkit) and NAHN position statements (NAHN Position Statement on the Impact of Immigration Policies on Health Outcomes, 5.21.25)

**Cons:** The bill does not mention health care, health outcomes, or the nursing profession.

**Reviewers' Comments:**

- NAHN Policy Brief: The Impact of US Immigration Policies on Health Outcomes in Hispanic Communities (5.21.25) has key issues, one of which is that DACA recipients remain at risk, as they are protected from deportation but still face a legal limbo with no path to citizenship. The policy recommendation is to advance comprehensive immigration reform, stating that Congress must pass humane, evidence-informed immigration reform that includes pathways to citizenship and protection for DACA recipients.
- This bill provides Dreamers with a path to citizenship, along with TPS and DED holders.

- Although the bill does not directly mention healthcare or the nursing profession, as nurses, our patients are from diverse backgrounds, including Dreamers, TED, and DED holders.
- According to a news article dated April 6, 2020, nearly 203,000 DACA recipients are working in occupations at the forefront of the COVID-19 response in healthcare, education, and food services ( <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/demographic-profile-daca-recipients-frontlines-coronavirus-response/>). In another article, 43,000 DACA recipients work in healthcare and social assistance, including 10,300 in hospitals and 2,000 in nursing care facilities (<https://cmsny.org/daca-essential-workers-covid/> )

**Position:** Support

**Priority:** high

**Subject:** Immigration Reform