

## S. 2205

### The "Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act of 2007"

Sponsored by Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.)

#### Summary of Amnesty Provisions

- Would authorize DHS to cancel the removal of, and adjust to conditional lawful permanent resident (LPR) status (i.e., grant amnesty), an illegal alien who demonstrates that he:
  - is no older than 29 years of age;
  - has maintained continuous presence in the United States for the five years preceding enactment;
  - is of "good moral character" and is not inadmissible or deportable on certain criminal grounds or on the basis of being a risk to national security;
  - has completed at least two years of higher education toward a bachelor's degree in the United States or has served in the U.S. military services for at least two years (or any other of the "uniformed services," such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or Public Health Service; and
  - has never been under a final administrative or judicial order of exclusion, deportation, or removal (unless he has remained in the United States under the color of law or the order was issued before he/she turned 16);
- Would allow a "hardship exception" for the removal of the conditional nature of the LPR status if the applicant alien's removal would result in "exceptional and extremely unusual hardship" to the alien, his/her spouse, parent, or child who is a U.S. citizen or an LPR;
- Would authorize DHS to revoke an alien's conditional LPR status upon his/her failure to meet the required criteria, but would allow removal of the conditional nature of the status if those criteria, and others relative to further education or military service, are met;
- Would grant amnesty to illegal aliens who have satisfied these criteria as of this bill's enactment; and
- Would make illegal aliens granted amnesty under this bill eligible only for specified types of higher education assistance.