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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 120

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*Memorializing the Congress of the United States to develop a comprehensive immigration policy.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the federal government to secure its borders and protect the security of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the growing number of illegal aliens currently in the United States demonstrates that existing immigration laws and enforcement measures are not sufficient to stop illegal aliens from crossing our borders; and

WHEREAS, the failure of federal immigration law and practices to adequately address illegal immigration causes a drain on limited state resources for the Commonwealth's educational, social services, judicial, law-enforcement, and penal systems, and thereby causes an economic hardship on the Commonwealth of Virginia and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the failure of federal immigration laws and practices has caused citizens of the Commonwealth, and other states, to look to state and local governments to solve problems that can only be adequately and comprehensively addressed at the federal level; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Congress of the United States be urged to develop a comprehensive immigration policy. Such a policy should secure the borders of the United States, provide foreign workers and visitors reasonable means by which to legally enter the United States, and relieve state and local governments of the responsibility of controlling the illegal population within their jurisdictions; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Virginia Congressional delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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