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## Economic Opportunities of the DREAM Act

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According to a recent report by the Immigration Policy Center, there are roughly 2.1 million college-aged, undocumented immigrants in the U.S. who could benefit from the pathways to citizenship offered by the Development, Relief and Education for Minors Act (the "DREAM Act").

The Act, which would grant conditional legal status to young immigrants who are pursuing college educations or serving in the U.S. military, offers potential benefits not only for aspiring young residents, but for U.S. taxpayers as well.

Immigrants who had career opportunities to become future doctors, nurses, teachers, other kinds of professionals, or educated entrepreneurs could make greater contributions to the U.S. economy and to the U.S. tax base. According to one study from Arizona State University, an individual with a bachelor's degree earns approximately \$750,000 more over the course of his or her lifetime than an individual with only a high school diploma.

Passage of the DREAM Act could also plug the "brain drain" that currently causes many of the brightest undocumented youth to leave the country for educations elsewhere around the world.

But what could be equally important are the potential consequences of failing to provide educational incentives for undocumented immigrants. Those who are less educated are more likely to live in poverty, become a burden to society or turn to crime.

Thus, from a purely economic viewpoint, the Act would appear to be a positive step.

Our office will be prepared to facilitate applications for conditional or permanent residency if and when the DREAM Act is passed.

For more information about our immigration practice representing individuals and families seeking legal status in the U.S., please visit the pertinent section of our [Website](#) or call our office at (847)564-0712.