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Hopes Raised for Bipartisan Immigration Reform

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Sen. Charles Schumer of New York and Sen. Lindsey Graham of North Carolina set forth a bipartisan proposal for sweeping immigration reforms in a [Washington Post article](#) published in March, and now public pressure is mounting for Congressional action on immigration matters.

The most notable features of the latest senate proposal are a [path to legalization](#) for millions of undocumented immigrants and the introduction of a biometric Social Security card for all domestic residents, including U.S. citizens.

This legislative plan is constructed around four main footings:

1. The biometric security card that employers can merely swipe to verify and employee's authority to work in the U.S.
2. The commitment of further resources toward border security and enforcement.
3. More options for legalized status for both skilled and unskilled temporary foreign workers.
4. A pathway to legalization and citizenship for the millions of undocumented workers already living in the U.S.

There is also a proposal that is aimed at retaining some of the best and brightest minds that come to the U.S. for an education. Under this proposal, immigrants could obtain green cards if they receive a Ph.D. or Master's degree in science, technology, engineering or math from a domestic university.

It remains to be seen whether Congress can agree upon these reforms, but any real and workable solution to the immigration issues presented by undocumented workers will be welcomed by employers and workers alike.

If you are an employer or an employee seeking help with any kind of



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