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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 23, 2025

Ms. DE LA CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Texas Dreamer Work
5 Authorization Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
2 (hereinafter in this section referred to as “DACA”)
3 policy has allowed hundreds of thousands of individ-
4 uals brought to the United States as children to con-
5 tribute significantly to the economy, national secu-
6 rity, and communities across the nation.

7 (2) The granting of employment authorization
8 to DACA recipients is critical to their ability to pro-
9 vide for their families, pay taxes, and utilize their
10 education and skills, benefitting the entire country.

11 (3) Recent judicial decisions have created un-
12 certainty and an unequal application of the DACA
13 policy, particularly by blocking the granting of work
14 authorization for new applicants residing in certain
15 jurisdictions, including the State of Texas.

16 (4) It is the express intent of Congress to en-
17 sure uniform and continued access to employment
18 authorization for all eligible DACA applicants na-
19 tionwide, including first-time applicants, by pro-
20 viding clear statutory authority.

21 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to grant
22 the Secretary of Homeland Security express statutory au-
23 thority to issue Employment Authorization Documents
24 (EADs) to individuals granted deferred action under the

1 DACA policy, thereby superseding any judicial interpreta-
2 tion or injunction that restricts such authorization.

3 **SEC. 3. EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR DACA RECIPI-**
4 **ENTS.**

5 Section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act
6 (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new subsection:

8 “(h) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR DACA RE-
9 CIPIENTS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
11 provision of law, including any judicial order to the
12 contrary, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
13 authorize for employment any alien who is granted
14 deferred action under DACA, or any successor pol-
15 icy.

16 “(2) NEW APPLICANTS.—The Secretary of
17 Homeland Security shall ensure that each applicant
18 for DACA who has not previously submitted such an
19 application and who meets all other established
20 DACA eligibility criteria (including any applicant re-
21 siding in a jurisdiction previously subject to employ-
22 ment authorization restrictions) is eligible for and is
23 issued authorization for employment concurrently
24 with the grant of deferred action.

1 “(3) DACA.—In this subsection, the term
2 ‘DACA’ means the policy set forth in the memo-
3 randum of the Department of Homeland Security
4 entitled ‘Exercising Prosecutorial Discretion with
5 Respect to Individuals Who Came to the United
6 States as Children’ issued on June 15, 2012.”.

7 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
9 take effect on the date that is 90 days after the date of
10 enactment.

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