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To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide certain nationals of Russia with special immigrant status, and for other purposes.

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Mr. FOSTER (for himself and Mr. OBERNOLTE) 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 “Countering Russian
5 Innovation and Safeguarding Individual Scientists Act of
6 2025” or the “CRISIS Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN RUS-**
8 **SIAN NATIONALS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (e), the Sec-
10 retary of Homeland Security, or, notwithstanding any

1 other provision of law, the Secretary of State in consulta-
2 tion with the Secretary of Homeland Security, may pro-
3 vide an alien described in subsection (b) with the status
4 of a special immigrant under section 101(a)(27) of the Im-
5 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)) if
6 the alien—

7 (1) submits a classification petition under sec-
8 tion 204(a)(1)(G)(i) of such Act (8 U.S.C.
9 1154(a)(1)(G)(i));

10 (2) is otherwise eligible to receive and immi-
11 grant visa;

12 (3) is otherwise admissible to the United States
13 for permanent residence; and

14 (4) clears a background check and appropriate
15 screening, as determined by the Secretary of Home-
16 land Security and in accordance with subsection (d).

17 (b) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—

18 (1) PRINCIPAL ALIEN.—An alien is described in
19 this subsection if the alien—

20 (A) is a national of Russia;

21 (B) has earned a doctoral degree in the
22 United States or an equivalent foreign degree in
23 a field involving science, technology, engineer-
24 ing, or mathematics; and

1 (C) is seeking admission to engage in work
2 in the United States in such a field.

3 (2) SPOUSE OR CHILD.—An alien is described
4 in this subparagraph if the alien—

5 (A) is the spouse or child of the a principal
6 alien described in paragraph (1); and

7 (B) is accompanying or following to join
8 the principal alien in the United States.

9 (c) PROCESSING AND NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The total number of aliens
11 described under subsection (b) who may be provided
12 special immigrant status under this section may not
13 exceed 3,000 per year for each of the fiscal years
14 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029.

15 (2) PROCESSING.—Notwithstanding any other
16 provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security
17 shall, to the extent practicable, process petitions de-
18 scribed in subsection (a) not later than 90 days after
19 the date on which the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
20 rity receives all required documentation and infor-
21 mation to render a decision on such petition.

22 (3) NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—Aliens admitted
23 to the United States pursuant to subsection (a) shall
24 be exempt from the numerical limitations described
25 in sections 201, 202, and 203 of the Immigration

1 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151, 1152, and
2 1153).

3 (d) INTERVIEW AND VETTING REQUIREMENTS.—

4 (1) VETTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
5 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
6 Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish vet-
7 ting requirements for applicants seeking special im-
8 migrant status under this section that are equivalent
9 to the vetting requirements for refugees admitted to
10 the United States through the United States Ref-
11 ugee Admissions Program, including an interview.

12 (2) RECORD REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary
13 of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Sec-
14 retary of Defense, shall maintain records that con-
15 tain, for each applicant under this section for the
16 duration of the pendency of their application for spe-
17 cial immigrant status—

18 (A) personal biographic information, in-
19 cluding name and date of birth;

20 (B) biometric information;

21 (C) any criminal conviction occurring after
22 the date on which the applicant entered the
23 United States; and

24 (D) the history of the United States Gov-
25 ernment vetting to which the applicant has sub-

1 mitted, including whether the individual has un-
2 dergone in-person vetting.

3 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
4 subsection may be construed to limit the authority
5 of the Secretary of Homeland Security to maintain
6 records in accordance with any other provision of
7 law.

8 (e) TERMINATION.—The authority of the Secretary
9 of Homeland Security to admit aliens to the United States
10 pursuant to subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that
11 is the last day of the fourth full fiscal year after the date
12 of enactment of this Act, except that petitions under sub-
13 section (a) that are approved on or before such date con-
14 tinue to form the basis for an application for an immigrant
15 visa under section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality
16 Act (8 U.S.C. 1201) or an application for adjustment of
17 status under section 245 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1255)
18 after such date.

19 (f) DEFINITION.—The term “field involving science,
20 technology, engineering, and mathematics” includes ad-
21 vanced computing, advanced engineering materials, ad-
22 vanced gas turbine engine technologies, advanced manu-
23 facturing, advanced and networked sensing and signature
24 management, advanced nuclear energy technologies, ad-
25 vanced particle accelerator and detector technologies, arti-

1 ficial intelligence, autonomous systems and robotics, bio-
2 technologies, communication and networking technologies,
3 cybersecurity, directed energy, financial technologies,
4 human-machine interfaces, hypersonics, advanced missile
5 propulsion technologies, networked sensors and sensing,
6 quantum information technologies, renewable energy gen-
7 eration and storage, semiconductors and microelectronics,
8 and space technologies and systems.

9 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
10 shall be construed to require an alien described in sub-
11 section (b) to have an offer of employment from a United
12 States employer to be eligible to be admitted as a special
13 immigrant pursuant to subsection (a).

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