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In Wake of Boston Bombings Congress Takes a Closer Look at Immigration Reform Bill

Sarasota, FL – On April 16 the long-awaited **Comprehensive Immigration Reform Bill**, written by the “Gang of 8” - Senators Schumer, McCain, Durbin, Graham, Menendez, Bennet, Flake, and **Rubio** - entered Congress.

The bill makes border security a prerequisite to legalization and reform of the legal immigration system. It seeks to achieve an **Effectiveness Rate** (the number of apprehensions and turn backs in a specific sector divided by the total number of illegal entries) of 90%.

The bill would appropriate **\$3 billion for border security**. It asks for additional resources such as more border patrol agents, the use of the National Guard, and drones. It would also appropriate **\$1.5 billion for additional fencing** on the southern border.

The bill lists several border security measures it would enact including the creation of an exit visa system to track visitors who overstay their visas.

In the wake of the Boston bombings it's likely that the bill will experience a few changes to its security measures.

“We expect to see more security measures added to the bill as it goes through the legislative process in response to the Boston bombings,” says Cesar Gomez of Jaensch Immigration Law Firm. “The revelation that the Boston bombers were foreign will cause many Congressmen to scrutinize the bill more closely but we do not foresee this tragedy completely derailing the possibility of reform.”

Jaensch Immigration Law Firm is working closely with Manatee Community Federal Credit Union to help area residents prepare for the potential changes in the law. “We will continue to work together for as long as immigration reform stays alive in Congress,” says Sherod Halliburton, EVP of Strategic Initiatives. “Reform has the potential of helping millions of hard-working folks in this country and, if it passes, we will be ready,” he continued.

The other day Marco Rubio made a statement reinforcing his commitment to immigration reform, using the Boston attacks as further justification of the need for reform, and asking for cooperation in his attempt to improve the immigration system so attacks like that are less likely to happen again.

This article is based on a reading of the initial bill, which is subject to change. For the latest news on immigration reform, please visit our [Immigration Reform 2013](#) webpage.

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