

CHANGES IN THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT OF H.R. 6429
FROM THE BILL AS INTRODUCED
(As Provided by the House Judiciary Committee)

- The bill expands the “V” nonimmigrant visa program to allow the spouses and minor children of permanent residents to wait in the U.S. (without work authorization) for green cards to become available after they have spent one year on the green card waiting list.
- The bill allows unused STEM green cards made available in fiscal years 2013 through 2016 to be utilized in future years under conditions set forth in the bill. The introduced bill provided for rollover of STEM green cards made available in 2013 and 2014.
- The committee print eliminates a provision of the introduced bill requiring STEM green card recipients to promise to work for at least five years in the U.S. or for the petitioner in a STEM field.
- The committee print eliminates a provision of the introduced bill that had required that in order to be eligible for the STEM green card programs, universities could not provide incentive payments to persons based on securing foreign students.