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~~AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1817
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON-LEE OF TEXAS AND
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Page 79, after line 6, insert the following (and amend the table of contents accordingly):

1 SEC. 509. GAO STUDY OF PROPOSALS TO INCREASE TEM-
2 PORARY PROTECTED STATUS REGISTRATION
3 FEE.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
6 shall complete a study of, and report to Congress on, the
7 likely consequences of increasing the fee described in sec-
8 tion 244(c)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
9 (8 U.S.C. 1254(a)(c)(1)(B)).

10 (b) ELEMENTS OF STUDY.—The study described in
11 subsection (a) shall—

12 (1) calculate the number of applicants for relief
13 under section 244 of the Immigration and Nation-
14 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254(a)) who have sought a
15 waiver, been granted a waiver, or been denied a
16 waiver from such fees due to their inability to pay
17 such fees, since the enactment of such section;



1 (2) project the cost at which such fee would be
2 set if it were calculated consistent with the manner
3 in which the Department of Homeland Security cal-
4 culates fees under section 286(m) of the Immigra-
5 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(m));

6 (3) taking into account the countries of nation-
7 ality of the current population of beneficiaries of sec-
8 tion 244 and the lack of work authorization that
9 such beneficiaries have while awaiting the outcome
10 of an adjudication, assess the ability of the current
11 population of beneficiaries under section 244 to pay
12 such fee if it were increased to the level projected
13 pursuant to paragraph (2);

14 (4) estimate the number of requests for fee
15 waivers that would likely have to be adjudicated per
16 1,000 applications should such fee be increased to
17 the level projected pursuant to paragraph (2);

18 (5) estimate the cost and number of man hours
19 that would be required to be expended in order to
20 adjudicate the fee waiver requests described in such
21 paragraph; and

22 (6) estimate the cost differential between the
23 current cost of adjudicating applications and the
24 statutory fee, on a per-application and an aggregate
25 basis.



1 SEC. 510. GAO STUDY OF CONSEQUENCES OF EXPANDING
2 USE OF PREMIUM SERVICE FOR IMMIGRA-
3 TION BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND PETI-
4 TIONS.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
7 shall complete a study of, and report to Congress on, the
8 Department of Homeland Security's proposal to expand
9 the use of premium fees for employment-based petitions
10 and applications under section 286(u) of the Immigration
11 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(u)) to other applica-
12 tions and petitions.

13 (b) ELEMENTS OF STUDY.—In performing the study
14 required under subsection (a), the Comptroller General—

15 (1) shall consider and assess—

16 (A) all factors that help quantify and as-
17 sess the current impact of premium processing
18 on immigration benefits adjudications of em-
19 ployment-based applications and petitions; and

20 (B) the degree to which the use of pre-
21 mium processing for employment-based applica-
22 tions and petitions has negatively or positively
23 impacted the length of time that it takes to ad-
24 judicate employment-based applications and pe-
25 titions that are eligible for treatment under sec-



1 tion 286(u) of the Immigration and Nationality
2 Act but for which no premium fee is paid; and
3 (2) shall assess—

4 (A) whether expansion of section 286(u) of
5 the Immigration and Nationality Act to family-
6 based immigration petitions and applications
7 would increase or decrease the length of time it
8 takes to adjudicate family-based petitions and
9 applications in cases where the applicant cannot
10 afford to make use of the premium service;

11 (B) all other likely future impacts of an ex-
12 pansion of premium processing to family-based
13 immigration benefits applications and petitions;

14 (C) the number of additional adjudicators
15 needed to process premium processing applica-
16 tions;

17 (D) the impact of premium processing on
18 the number and assignment of adjudicators;
19 and

20 (E) the number of individual applicants
21 who would opt to use premium processing
22 under this expanded program annually.

