

## HR 3141

### American Worker Assistance Act of 2001

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

**Introduced:** Oct 16, 2001

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. (Mar 6, 2002)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Kleczka, Gerald D. [D-WI-4]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2002
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 29, 2001
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 29, 2001
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Oct 16, 2001)

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American Worker Assistance Act of 2001 - Provides for programs of emergency unemployment compensation (EUC) and emergency health coverage assistance.

Sets forth EUC program requirements for Federal-State agreements, formulas for determining amounts in individual EUC accounts and weekly benefits, payments to States, and financing.

Includes among eligibility requirements an individual's not having rights, with respect to a week, to other compensation (including both regular and extended compensation).

Makes an individual's period of EUC eligibility consist of any week which: (1) begins on or after the first day of the first week after the date on which an EUC agreement is entered into; and (2) ends on or before December 31, 2001. Prohibits any period of eligibility unless the individual's benefit year ends on or after January 1, 2001.

Directs the Secretary of Labor to establish an emergency health coverage assistance program to provide a limited period of premium assistance for certain qualified individuals for Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) continuation coverage, under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Allows a State to elect to provide temporary Medicaid coverage for individuals who are: (1) eligible for unemployment benefits (including under title I of this Act); (2) not eligible for COBRA continuation coverage; and (3) not covered under a group health plan, health insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 6, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- **Oct 29, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Oct 29, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
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