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# S 1180

Encouraging Work Act of 2003 Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Taxation
Introduced: Jun 4, 2003

Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2981-2982)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2981-2982) (Mar 23, 2004)

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# **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]

Party: Republican • State: PA • Chamber: Senate

# **Cosponsors** (16 total)

| Cosponsor                            | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]              | D · MT        |      | Jun 4, 2003  |
| Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]             | $R \cdot KY$  |      | Jun 18, 2003 |
| Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]     | $D\cdotMD$    |      | Jul 17, 2003 |
| Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]       | I · VT        |      | Oct 16, 2003 |
| Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV] | D · WV        |      | Oct 17, 2003 |
| Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]             | D · GA        |      | Oct 20, 2003 |
| Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]         | $R \cdot OR$  |      | Oct 24, 2003 |
| Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]               | D · IN        |      | Oct 30, 2003 |
| Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]         | R · GA        |      | Feb 12, 2004 |
| Sen. Talent, Jim [R-MO]              | $R \cdot MO$  |      | Feb 25, 2004 |
| Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]       | D · SD        |      | Feb 26, 2004 |
| Sen. Allard, Wayne [R-CO]            | R · CO        |      | Mar 2, 2004  |
| Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]              | D·IA          |      | Mar 4, 2004  |
| Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]             | $R \cdot NE$  |      | Mar 8, 2004  |
| Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]        | R · IN        |      | Mar 12, 2004 |
| Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]            | $R \cdot VA$  |      | Mar 22, 2004 |

# **Committee Activity**

| Committee         | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Finance Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jun 4, 2003 |

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

#### **Policy Area:**

Taxation

#### **Related Bills**

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 108 HR 2047 | Identical bill | May 9, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. |

#### Summary (as of Jun 4, 2003)

Encouraging Work Act of 2003 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to make the work opportunity credit permanent. Modifies such credit by: (1) repealing the requirement that a "qualified ex-felon" be a member of a low-income (as specified) family; (2) increasing the maximum age for eligibility of food stamp recipients to 40 years; (3) redefining the term "vocational rehabilitation referral"; (4) adding "long-term family assistance recipients" (as defined) to the definition of "targeted groups"; and (5) increasing the maximum allowable credit for employment of long-term family assistance recipients.

Repeals the separate welfare-to-work credit.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Mar 23, 2004: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2981-2982)
- Jun 4, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Jun 4, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7387-7389)
- Jun 4, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.