

HR 3761

Flexibility for Displaced Workers Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Law: 109-72 (Enacted Sep 23, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-7]

Party: Republican • State: LA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Sep 14, 2005
Rep. Baker, Richard H. [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Sep 14, 2005
Rep. Boehner, John A. [R-OH-8]	R · OH		Sep 14, 2005
Rep. Jindal, Bobby [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Sep 14, 2005
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Sep 14, 2005
Rep. McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Sep 14, 2005
Rep. Biggert, Judy [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Sep 20, 2005
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Sep 20, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 14, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 1718	Related bill	Sep 20, 2005: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 215.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on September 20, 2005. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Flexibility for Displaced Workers Act - (Sec. 2) Allows national emergency grant funds to states under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) for addressing the effects of Hurricane Katrina (Katrina) to be used to provide disaster relief employment on projects that provide assistance in areas outside of the Katrina-disaster area.

Allows such funds to be used to provide disaster relief employment and other WIA assistance, or temporary general public sector employment, to Katrina-affected individuals, including those who have relocated from states in the disaster area, who were unemployed at the time of the disaster, or who are without employment history, in addition those who meet WIA eligibility requirements.

Limits such general public sector employment to not more than six months in addition to such disaster relief employment. Authorizes the Secretary of Labor, however, to extend the duration of employment under this Act and WIA for up to an additional six months due to extraordinary circumstances.

Directs the Secretary, in awarding WIA national emergency grants for disaster relief employment, to give priority: (1) first, to states with major disaster areas; and (2) second, to the remaining states that have been most heavily impacted by the demand for services by Katrina-affected workers.

Allows any state, with the Secretary's approval, to use available WIA national emergency grant funds to assist Katrina-affected workers, including those who have relocated from states in the Katrina-disaster area.

Authorizes the Secretary to award a WIA national emergency grant for employment and training assistance (ETA) for dislocated workers to an eligible entity to provide ETA to Katrina-affected workers, including workers who have relocated from Katrina-disaster areas.

(Sec. 3) Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) states operating one-stop centers should make them available for use in Katrina-affected areas and areas where large numbers of Katrina's victims have been relocated; and (2) one-stop operators should increase access for Katrina-affected individuals, including through expanded operational hours and on-site services for those in temporary housing.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 23, 2005:** Signed by President.
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- **Sep 23, 2005:** Became Public Law No: 109-72.
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- **Sep 22, 2005:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 22, 2005:** Presented to President.
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- **Sep 21, 2005:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 216.
- **Sep 21, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S10320)
- **Sep 21, 2005:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S10320)
- **Sep 21, 2005:** Cleared for White House.
- **Sep 20, 2005:** Mr. Boustany moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 20, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8108-8110)
- **Sep 20, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3761.
- **Sep 20, 2005:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 20, 2005:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8126-8127)
- **Sep 20, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 400 - 0 (Roll no. 476).(text: CR H8108)
- **Sep 20, 2005:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 400 - 0 (Roll no. 476). (text: CR H8108)
- **Sep 20, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 14, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Sep 14, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.