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Encouraging Work Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Taxation

Introduced: Mar 10, 2005

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Mar 10, 2005)

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Sponsor

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

Party: Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]	R · KY		Apr 12, 2005
Sen. Talent, Jim [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 29, 2005
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Oct 4, 2005
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 6, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 10, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 1272	Related bill	Mar 14, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Summary (as of Mar 10, 2005)

Encouraging Work Act of 2005 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to consolidate and modify provisions of the work opportunity tax credit and the welfare-to-work tax credit and make the consolidated tax credit permanent. Expands eligibility for the consolidated tax credit by: (1) determining eligibility of ex-felons without regard to family income; and (2) raising the age ceiling for food stamp recipients from 25 to 40. Includes a "designated community resident" (in lieu of "high risk youth") and "long-term family assistance recipient" as members of the targeted group eligible for the consolidated tax credit. Provides for an increased tax credit for employment of long-term family assistance recipients.

Repeals the separate welfare-to-work tax credit.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 10, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 10, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2488-2490)
- **Mar 10, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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