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HR 5447

Dorothy I. Height and Whitney M. Young, Jr. Social Work Reinvestment Act

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Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Sep 23, 2008
Rep. Klein, Ron [D-FL-22]	D·FL		Sep 29, 2008
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Nov 19, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2858	Related bill	Apr 15, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Feb 14, 2008)

Dorothy I. Height and Whitney M. Young, Jr. Social Work Reinvestment Act - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish the Social Work Reinvestment Commission to provide independent counsel to Congress on policy issues associated with the recruitment, retention, research, and reinvestment in the profession of social work.

Directs the Commission to study and report to Congress on issues facing the social work profession, including: (1) fair market compensation, high social work educational debt, social work workforce trends, knowledge development, and social work safety; and (2) state-level social work licensure and reciprocity agreements for providing services across state lines.

Authorizes the Secretary to award various grants to eligible entities to support demonstration programs and other activities related to research, workplace improvements, education, training, and programs of excellence.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) contract with a national social work research entity to serve as a coordinating center and clearinghouse for information on activities under the demonstration program; and (2) develop and issue public service announcements that advertise and promote the social work profession.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the President should designate a National Social Work Awareness month.

Actions Timeline

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