

HR 795

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

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Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Mar 2, 2010

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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Aug 10, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 23, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 686	Related bill	Mar 24, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3687-3690)

Summary (as of Feb 3, 2009)

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, translating social work research to practice, and social work safety; and (2) state-level social work licensure policies and reciprocity agreements for providing services across state lines. Requires such study to assess the professional capacity of the social work workforce to serve and respond successfully to the increasing biopsychosocial needs of individuals, groups, and communities in certain areas, including aging and child welfare.

Authorizes the Secretary to award: (1) workplace improvement grants to eligible entities and individuals to address workplace concerns for the social work profession, including caseloads, compensation, social work safety, supervision, and working conditions; and (2) research grants, education and training grants, and community-based programs of excellence grants.

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 funded under the grants; and (2) develop a multi-media outreach campaign and issue public service announcements that advertise and promote the social work profession.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 23, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.
- **Feb 10, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E232-234)
- **Feb 3, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 3, 2009:** Referred to the [House Committee on Education and Labor](#).