

## S 1243

### AMERICA Works Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

**Introduced:** Jun 21, 2011

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jun 21, 2011)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 21, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6240	Related bill	Sep 26, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
112 HR 1325	Related bill	Apr 15, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

American Manufacturing Efficiency and Retraining Investment Collaboration Achievement Works Act or AMERICA Works Act - Amends the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, with respect to statewide and local adult and youth workforce investment employment and training programs, to require a one-stop delivery system, in selecting and approving training services, or programs of training services, to give priority consideration to state- and local board-approved services and programs that lead to an industry-recognized and nationally portable credential that is in demand in the local area served and listed in the skill credential registry created under this Act.

Amends the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 and the Trade Act of 1974 to require the same priority consideration in the state and local plans for career and technical education programs as well as in tech prep programs and trade adjustment assistance (TAA) programs.

Requires that funds allocated for local area youth activities be used, in part, for training programs, giving priority consideration to those that lead to a registry-listed credential in high demand in the local area served.

Requires the Secretary of Labor to: (1) create a registry of skill credentials; and (2) list in the registry credentials that are required by federal or state law for an occupation, are from the Manufacturing Institute-Endorsed Manufacturing Skills Certification System, and are industry-recognized and nationally portable credentials consistent with established industry competency models as well as consistently updated to reflect changing industry competencies.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 21, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 21, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3975-3976)
- **Jun 21, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.