

S 1611

Reducing the Size of the Federal Government Through Attrition Act of 2011

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| Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS] | R · MS | | Oct 6, 2011 |

Committee Activity

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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Referred To | Sep 22, 2011 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 112 HR 6474 | Related bill | Sep 20, 2012: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, Rules, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. |
| 112 HR 3487 | Related bill | Mar 29, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 112 HR 3029 | Related bill | Dec 19, 2011: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 225. |
| 112 S 1936 | Related bill | Dec 1, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. |
| 112 HR 3494 | Related bill | Nov 29, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands. |
| 112 S 1476 | Related bill | Aug 2, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. |
| 112 HR 2114 | Related bill | Jun 20, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy . |

Summary (as of Sep 22, 2011)

Reducing the Size of the Federal Government Through Attrition Act of 2011 - Requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to take appropriate measures to ensure that: (1) the total number of federal employees, beginning in FY2015, does not exceed 90% of the total number of such employees as of September 30, 2011; (2) agencies do not appoint, until the end of FY 2014, more than one employee for every three employees retiring or otherwise separating from government service; and (3) there is no increase in the procurement of service contracts due to this Act unless a cost comparison demonstrates that such contracts would be financially advantageous to the federal government. Requires OMB to continuously monitor all agencies and make a determination whether the total number of federal employees exceeds the limitation imposed by this Act.

Prohibits a federal agency from filling any vacancy unless OMB provides written notice to the President and Congress that the number of federal employees does not exceed the limitation established by this Act.

Allows the President to waive the workforce limitations imposed by this Act if the President determines that the existence of a state of war or other national security concern or the existence of an extraordinary emergency threatening life, health, public safety, property, or the environment so requires. Allows the President additional discretion to waive such workforce limitations if the President determines that the efficiency of a federal agency or the performance of its critical mission so requires.

Actions Timeline

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