

HR 3601

Ensuring Quality in the Unemployment Insurance Program (EQUIP) Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]

Party: Republican • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Dec 7, 2011
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-9]	R · FL		Dec 13, 2011
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Dec 13, 2011
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Dec 13, 2011
Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Dec 19, 2011
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Feb 6, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 9, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 13, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Ensuring Quality in the Unemployment Insurance Program (EQUIP) Act - Amends title III (Grants to States for Unemployment Compensation Administration) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to require state unemployment compensation (UC) laws to require, as a condition of UC eligibility for a benefit year, an applicant, before receiving any UC, to: (1) complete a substance abuse risk assessment; and (2) test negative for controlled substances within one week after the results of such assessment if the state determines that the applicant is a high-risk. Prescribes retesting requirements and UC payment suspensions for applicants who test positive.

Amends SSA title XVIII (Medicare) and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide funding for such substance abuse testing out of current funds appropriated for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) and, after application of those funds, for the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) program.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 14, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2261)
- **Dec 13, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
- **Dec 9, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 7, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 7, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.