

## HR 3454

### Ensuring Quality in the Unemployment Insurance Program (EQUIP) Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

**Introduced:** Nov 12, 2013

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Nov 15, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/3454>

## Sponsor

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

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

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 15, 2013
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 12, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Nov 12, 2013)

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**

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- **Nov 15, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 12, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 12, 2013:** 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.