

HR 2148

Ensuring Quality in the Unemployment Insurance Program (EQUIP) Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources. (May 18, 2015)

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | May 1, 2015 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | May 18, 2015 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 30, 2015)

Ensuring Quality in the Unemployment Insurance Program (EQUIP) Act

Amends title III (Grants to States for Unemployment Compensation Administration) of the Social Security Act (SSAct) 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 SSAct 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 and, after application of those funds, for the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan program.

Actions Timeline

- **May 18, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
- **May 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 30, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 30, 2015:** 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.