

## HR 2991

### Preparing More Welfare Recipients for Work Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Jul 14, 2015
Rep. Carney, John C., Jr. [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Jul 22, 2015
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Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Sep 24, 2015
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Apr 28, 2016
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Sep 15, 2016
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Sep 27, 2016
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Sep 28, 2016
Rep. Ribble, Reid J. [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Nov 14, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 16, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Social Welfare

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3091	Related bill	Jun 23, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
114 HR 3005	Related bill	Jul 15, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.

## Summary (as of Jul 9, 2015)

### Preparing More Welfare Recipients for Work Act

This bill amends part A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF) of title IV of the Social Security Act with respect to mandatory work requirements to:

- eliminate the requirement that recipients participate in certain core work activities not fewer than 20 hours per week, as well as separate requirements for two-parent families;
- allow states to receive partial credit for certain families participating for less than the minimum hours required for purposes of calculating the monthly participation rate;
- give states the option to apply an alternative work participation rate calculation;
- revise requirements for counting job search as work;
- modify the rule deeming an individual to meet work participation requirements by attending secondary school;
- require a state to meet individuals participating for three months in job readiness assistance and certify whether continued participation is necessary to prepare them for employment;
- replace with job readiness assistance as a separate work activity the currently recognized work activity of providing child care services to a participant in a community service program; and
- increase from 12 to 24 months the maximum period that vocational educational training counts as a work activity.

## Actions Timeline

- Nov 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- Jul 14, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
- Jul 9, 2015: Introduced in House
- Jul 9, 2015: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.