

HR 2991

Preparing More Welfare Recipients for Work Act

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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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.