

## HR 3047

### Drug Testing for Welfare Recipients Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Oct 9, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 13, 2015
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 13, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 17, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

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

- subject individuals to criminal background checks for drug-related offenses as well as substance abuse screening, and
- deny TANF assistance for an individual who tests positive for a controlled substance.

The Department of Health and Human Services is required to reduce by 15% of the state TANF grant if a state has substantially failed to condition benefits on passing drug testing or screening.

The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 and the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 are amended to set forth analogous drug testing and screening requirements under the supplemental nutrition assistance program and public housing and "Section 8" rental assistance programs.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 17, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
- **Jul 15, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5187)
- **Jul 13, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 13, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Financial Services, 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.