

HR 4540

SNAP Empowerment and Accountability Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education. (Mar 23, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Feb 12, 2016
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Feb 24, 2016
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Feb 24, 2016
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Feb 24, 2016
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Feb 26, 2016
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Mar 1, 2016
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Mar 14, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 29, 2016
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 23, 2016
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to permit states to use drug test results for determining eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program). The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration must award grants to states to treat individuals who test positive.

The bill increases from \$20 to \$50 the amount of annual benefits received under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 or a similar energy assistance program which qualifies a SNAP applicant to use a standard utility allowance to document heating and cooling costs for calculating benefits.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Feb 29, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
- **Feb 12, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 11, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 11, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and 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.