

HR 5169

What Works to Move Welfare Recipients into Jobs Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Discharged From	Jun 10, 2016
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 20, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5170	Related bill	Jun 22, 2016: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
114 HR 2967	Related bill	Jul 13, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.

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This bill amends part A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF) of title VI of the Social Security Act to revise requirements for research by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on the benefits, effects, and costs of operating different state programs funded under part A and any other state program funded with qualified state expenditures.

(Sec. 2) Such research shall focus on the effect of these programs as well as of healthy marriage promotion and responsible fatherhood grants on employment, self-sufficiency, child well-being, unmarried births, marriage, poverty, economic mobility, and other factors determined by HHS.

A state's contribution to the cost of a state-initiated evaluation of its program, from non-federal sources, shall increase from at least 10% to at least 25% of the cost of the proposed evaluation.

The Bureau of the Census shall implement or enhance household surveys of program participation to allow for assessment of the outcomes of continued welfare reform on the economic and child well-being of low-income families with children, including those who received assistance or services from a state program funded under TANF or any other state program funded with qualified state expenditures.

Research and evaluation designed to determine the effects of a program or policy (other than Census Bureau research) shall use experimental designs using random assignment or other reliable, evidence-based research methodologies that allow for the strongest possible causal inferences when random assignment is not feasible.

HHS shall develop a database of the projects that used a proven or a promising approach in moving welfare recipients into work, which shall be called the What Works Clearinghouse of Proven and Promising Projects to Move Welfare Recipients into Work.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 10, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 114-615, Part I.
- **Jun 10, 2016:** Committee on Oversight and Government discharged.
- **Jun 10, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 478.
- **May 24, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 24, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 20, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
- **May 6, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **May 6, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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.