

HR 1469

Welfare Benefit Reform and Alignment Commission (BRAC) Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 23, 2017
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 9, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2017
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 9, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 9, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 20, 2017
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 9, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 20, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 9, 2017)

Welfare Benefit Reform and Alignment Commission (BRAC) Act

This bill establishes within the legislative branch the Benefit Reform and Alignment Commission to review certain means-tested welfare programs.

A "means-tested welfare program" is any federal program that is designed to specifically provide assistance or benefits exclusively to low-income Americans. The bill specifies several programs that are either considered or not considered means-tested welfare programs for the purpose of this bill.

The commission must identify changes in law to structure the programs so that:

- the receipt of aid by a beneficiary is temporary, that over time there is a reduction in the number of the programs in which an individual beneficiary or household is participating, and that over time the total number of recipients receiving such aid is reduced; and
- the programs increase employment, encourage healthy marriages, and further educational attainment so that households maintain an income above the poverty level without services and benefits from the federal government.

The commission must also: (1) review the programs to evaluate whether certain programs should be consolidated, eliminated, or made subject to the annual appropriations process; and (2) recommend ways to reduce the cost or increase the efficiency of the programs by contracting with private entities or delegating authority to states.

The commission may also review the offsetting receipts and discretionary appropriations of the federal government.

The commission must submit to Congress a report including recommendations and proposed legislation. Congress must consider the proposal using specified expedited legislative procedures.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
- **Mar 20, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
- **Mar 20, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Mar 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Mar 9, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Rules, and the Judiciary, 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.