

## S 1651

### Layoff Prevention Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 27, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 27, 2017
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 27, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 27, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 27, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4074	Related bill	Oct 26, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
115 HR 3468	Identical bill	Jul 27, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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This bill requires each state that has already enacted a short-time compensation program to be paid 100% of the amount of short-time compensation paid under such program. Under a short-time compensation program, an employer may avoid a layoff of one or more employees by reducing the hours of all workers in the employer's workforce. Employees affected by a reduction in hours may receive a partial short-time compensation payment to compensate for lost wages. This is a voluntary and temporary program, beginning upon the enactment of this bill and ending five and one-half years later.

The bill imposes certain limitations on payments to states and requires employers to pay their states one-half of the short-time compensation paid under the employer plan.

The Department of Labor must: (1) award grants to states that enact short-time compensation programs to implement or improve the administration of such plans, (2) develop model legislative language for states in developing and enacting short-time compensation plans, and (3) provide technical assistance to states and establish reporting requirements for such programs.

## Actions Timeline

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