

HR 2209

Helping to Encourage Real Opportunities (HERO) for At-Risk Youth Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Apr 27, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]

Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		May 19, 2017
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jul 27, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 27, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 983	Identical bill	Apr 27, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2620-2621)

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This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code, with respect to the work opportunity tax credit, to:

- change the credit for summer youth employees to a credit for youth employees who will be employed for not more than 20 hours per week during any period between September 16 and April 30 in which the individual is regularly attending any secondary school,
- increase the amount of the credit for youth employees, and
- expand the credit to include at-risk youth.

An "at-risk youth" is any individual who is certified by the designated local agency as:

- having attained age 16 but not age 25 on the hiring date,
- having not regularly attended specified schools or been employed during the six-month period preceding the hiring date, and
- not readily employable by reason of lacking a sufficient number of basic skills.

The term also includes individuals who have been certified as having attained the age of 16 but not age 21 on the hiring date and as an eligible foster child who was in foster care during the 12-month period ending on the hiring date.

The bill also extends until December 31, 2019, the designation period for certain tax-favored empowerment zones.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2017:** Introduced in House
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