

## HR 2756

Jobs and Trade Competitiveness Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Foreign Trade and International Finance

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Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Sep 8, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	May 26, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 26, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2039	Related bill	Apr 19, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
115 S 247	Related bill	Jan 30, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 685	Related bill	Jan 24, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

## Summary (as of May 26, 2017)

### Jobs and Trade Competitiveness Act

This bill establishes: (1) an Office of the Congressional Trade Enforcer; (2) an Office of Market Access Assistance; (3) a Trade Enforcement Division within the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), headed by a Deputy U.S. Trade Representative for Trade Enforcement; (4) the Office of Trade Assistance for Small Business; (5) the Chief Manufacturing Negotiator; and (6) the Congressional Advisory Commission on WTO Dispute Settlement to provide advice to Congress on the operation of the dispute settlement system of the World Trade Organization.

The bill amends the Tariff Act of 1930 regarding: (1) the imposition of countervailing duties to address subsidies relating to fundamentally undervalued currencies; and (2) the establishment of procedures for the protection of business proprietary information from public disclosure, with respect to the investigation of claims of evasion of antidumping and countervailing duty orders.

The bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit for insourcing expenses and to deny a deduction for outsourcing expenses.

The USTR shall identify those foreign country trade practices that cause negative environmental impacts on human, animal, or plant life or health, or exhaustible natural resources in the United States, the foreign country, a third country, or internationally, and periodically report on such practices.

The Government Accountability Office shall report assessing progress in: (1) achieving compliance by other countries with commitments made under specified international fora, and (2) ensuring that goods made with child labor do not enter the customs territory of the United States.

### Actions Timeline

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