

## HR 2996

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Reform Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition. (Jul 11, 2017)

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** House

**Cosponsors** (101 total)

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Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jul 25, 2017
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Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jul 26, 2017
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jul 26, 2017
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Jul 26, 2017
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Aug 1, 2017
Rep. Graves, Tom [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Aug 25, 2017
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. DeSantis, Ron [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Rooney, Francis [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Sep 13, 2017
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Sep 13, 2017
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Sep 26, 2017

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Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Davidson, Warren [R-OH-8]	R · OH		Oct 6, 2017
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Oct 6, 2017
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Oct 6, 2017
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Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Oct 6, 2017
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Oct 6, 2017
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Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Oct 6, 2017
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Oct 24, 2017
Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Oct 31, 2017
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Nov 9, 2017
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Nov 9, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Nov 15, 2017
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Dec 4, 2017
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Dec 11, 2017
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Dec 14, 2017
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Dec 19, 2017
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Dec 19, 2017
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Dec 19, 2017
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Dec 19, 2017
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Dec 19, 2017
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Dec 20, 2017
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Dec 21, 2017
Rep. Lewis, Jason [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Dec 21, 2017
Rep. Holding, George [R-NC-2]	R · NC		Dec 22, 2017
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Dec 22, 2017
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Handel, Karen C. [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Gowdy, Trey [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Jan 10, 2018

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Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Jan 10, 2018
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Jan 19, 2018
Rep. Love, Mia B. [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Jan 19, 2018
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Jan 22, 2018
Rep. Sanford, Mark [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jan 22, 2018
Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Jan 30, 2018
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Feb 5, 2018
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Apr 26, 2018
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-16]	R · PA		May 16, 2018
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jul 16, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 11, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2832	Related bill	<b>Jun 26, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
115 S 1290	Related bill	<b>Jun 5, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 2348	Related bill	<b>May 3, 2017:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

## **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Reform Act of 2017**

This bill amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to modify the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program) work requirements that apply to able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs).

The bill modifies the work requirements to:

- terminate the authority of the Department of Agriculture to waive the requirements, upon the request of a state agency, for individuals residing in an area that has an unemployment rate of over 10% or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals;
- shorten from three months to one month the time limit for receiving benefits in a three-year period without meeting the requirements;
- decrease from 15% to 5% the portion of ABAWDs that a state may exempt from the requirements;
- allow participation in a supervised job search to satisfy the requirements;
- require states receiving SNAP funds to provide ABAWDs with opportunities to participate in a work program, a workfare program, or a supervised job search; and
- reduce SNAP allotments for states that fail to comply with requirements regarding eligibility disqualifications.

The bill also modifies the congressional declaration of policy to specify that the purpose of SNAP is to increase employment, to encourage healthy marriage, and to promote prosperous self-sufficiency (maintaining an income above the poverty level without services and benefits from the federal government).

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 11, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.