

HR 39

TALENT Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)  
**Chamber:** House  
**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics  
**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2017  
**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 115-1.  
**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 115-1. (Jan 20, 2017)  
**Law:** 115-1 (Enacted Jan 20, 2017)  
**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/39>

Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-23]  
**Party:** Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee                                 | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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| Oversight and Government Reform Committee | House   | Referred To | Jan 3, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill      | Relationship | Last Action   |
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| 115 S 163 | Related bill | Jan 17, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. |

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)

### Tested Ability to Leverage Exceptional National Talent Act of 2017 or the TALENT Act of 2017

(Sec. 2) This bill codifies provisions establishing the Presidential Innovation Fellows Program (originally established pursuant to Executive Order 13704) to encourage successful entrepreneurs, executives, and innovators to join the government and work in close cooperation with government leaders to create meaningful solutions that can help save lives and taxpayer money, fuel job creation, and significantly improve how the government serves the American people.

The General Services Administration (GSA) shall continue the program in order to enable exceptional individuals with proven track records to serve time-limited appointments in executive agencies to address some of the nation's most significant challenges and improve existing government efforts that would particularly benefit from expertise using innovative techniques and technology.

The program shall be administered by a Director, who shall appoint program fellows and facilitate their placement to participate in projects that have the potential for significant positive effects and that are consistent with the President's goals.

The GSA shall continue an advisory board to recommend priorities and standards for fulfilling the program's mission and to assist in identifying potential projects and placements for fellows.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 20, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **Jan 20, 2017:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 20, 2017:** Became Public Law No: 115-1.
- **Jan 18, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jan 17, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S345-346)
- **Jan 17, 2017:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S345-346)
- **Jan 12, 2017:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Jan 11, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H322-323)
- **Jan 11, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 386 - 17 (Roll no. 34).(text: CR 1/10/2017 H283)
- **Jan 11, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 386 - 17 (Roll no. 34). (text: CR 1/10/2017 H283)
- **Jan 11, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Mr. Hurd moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H283-285)
- **Jan 10, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 39.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.