

HR 4074

Pathways Out of Poverty Act of 2017

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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Oct 16, 2017
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Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Feb 5, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 26, 2017
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2017
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2017
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2017
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2017
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2017
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 17, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 7010	Related bill	Oct 12, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
115 HR 3468	Related bill	Jul 27, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
115 S 1651	Related bill	Jul 27, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4426-4427)
115 S 1242	Related bill	May 25, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
115 HR 2490	Related bill	May 17, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 HR 2451	Related bill	May 16, 2017: Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
115 S 1136	Related bill	May 16, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
115 S 1125	Related bill	May 15, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2934)
115 HR 1432	Related bill	Mar 8, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 HR 948	Related bill	Feb 7, 2017: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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This bill establishes and expands various programs related to education, housing, employment, and social welfare.

The Department of Education must award grants to states for the development and implementation of prekindergarten programs.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention within the Department of Justice may award grants to assist communities in addressing juvenile delinquency and gang prevention.

The bill expands:

- the Pell Grant program,
- the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, and
- the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs.

With respect to housing, the bill:

- phases out the federal mortgage-interest income-tax deduction, replacing it with a new mortgage-interest income-tax credit;
- expands the federal low-income housing income-tax credit;
- expands certain affordable-housing programs; and
- establishes a federal income-tax credit for low-income renters.

With respect to employment, the bill:

- expands unemployment compensation benefits;
- establishes several new employment-related programs to be carried out by the Department of Labor;
- establishes a tax credit for employers that hire long-term unemployed individuals;
- establishes prohibitions on employment discrimination based on an individual's status as unemployed;
- increases the federal minimum wage, incrementally over a period of seven years, to \$15.00 per hour.

In addition, the bill:

- expands the federal earned-income tax credit,
- makes refundable a federal income-tax credit for dependent care expenses,
- and expands eligibility for certain child-care benefits.

The bill also establishes:

- within the Congressional Budget Office, a Poverty Impact Division; and
- within the Department of Health and Human Services, a Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Poverty.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 26, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
- **Oct 17, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Oct 16, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 16, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform, Education and the Workforce, Financial Services, Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, Rules, the Budget, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.