

HR 1168

WORKER Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. (Mar 6, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Mar 12, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jun 5, 2019
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jul 16, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 13, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 13, 2019
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 13, 2019
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 13, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 13, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 13, 2019
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 13, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 14, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 13, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3245	Related bill	Jan 28, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 4965	Related bill	Oct 31, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Summary (as of Feb 13, 2019)

Working On Rewarding and Keeping Employees Resilient Act or the WORKER Act

This bill addresses workforce development by advancing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, revising and implementing certain worker training, retention, and advancement programs, establishing the Distressed Community Investment Agency, and renaming the Department of Commerce as the Department of Innovation and Investment.

The bill requires (1) the Department of Education (ED) to award grants to eligible entities to implement certain formal and informal engineering education programs in elementary and secondary schools, and (2) the use of certain career and technical education program funds for supporting a hands-on learning approach.

The bill establishes in the Department of Labor an Office of Apprenticeship, including a National Advisory Committee on Apprenticeships, to promote apprenticeship programs.

Labor and ED must establish a voluntary Registered Apprenticeship-College Collaborative consisting of the sponsors carrying out registered apprenticeship programs, two- or four-year post secondary educational institutions, and organizations that represent such programs or institutions.

The bill requires states to provide a Labor-approved reemployment bonus program for individuals currently receiving unemployment benefits. It also allows states to use workforce development funds for a wage insurance program for individuals age 50 and over (age 45 and over for individuals in economically distressed communities) and establishes a training voucher program to assist workers in obtaining job skills training.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Mar 6, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Science, Space, and Technology, Natural Resources, Oversight and Reform, Foreign Affairs, 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.
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.