

HR 1413

WORK Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support. (Feb 27, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Feb 27, 2019
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Feb 27, 2019
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Feb 27, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 27, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 27, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3001	Related bill	Dec 9, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 1753	Related bill	Mar 14, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.
116 S 802	Related bill	Mar 14, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 1490	Related bill	Mar 4, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.

Workforce Opportunity Realignment Kickstart Act or the WORK Act

This bill modifies requirements for states with respect to the administration of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds.

Specifically, the bill (1) establishes new performance indicators related to employment and educational outcomes for states receiving TANF funds; (2) increases the percentage of TANF funds, from 30% to 50%, that may be used to support other state programs; and (3) allows states to use TANF funds to carry out certain workforce development programs. Under current law, states may use TANF funds to support other state programs only if they are related to Child Care and Development Block Grants or Social Services Block Grants.

States must negotiate with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a level of performance for each indicator, taking into account certain economic, demographic, and other factors. HHS must periodically revise levels of performance for states to reflect economic and other conditions.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 27, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 27, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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 27, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.