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Transformation to Competitive Employment Act

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Sponsor

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Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 1, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 4, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Apr 30, 2019
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 3, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 29, 2019

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Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 873	Identical bill	Jan 30, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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This bill addresses employment standards for individuals with disabilities.

The bill directs the Department of Labor to award grants to states and certain eligible entities to assist them in transforming their business and program models to support individuals with disabilities by

- operating competitive integrated employment businesses,
- assisting disabled individuals in finding and retaining work in such employment, and
- providing integrated employment and integrated community participation and wraparound services for such individuals.

The bill prohibits the issuance of new special certificates that allow payment of subminimum wages to disabled individuals and phases out existing certificates over a six year period.

The bill directs the Office of Disability Employment of Labor to award grants to provide technical assistance to employers transitioning from special certificates to competitive integrated employment for disabled individuals.

Labor must contract with a nonprofit entity to conduct an evaluation of the impact of the transitioning requirements of this bill.

Actions Timeline

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