

HR 2654

Strengthening Social Security Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Social Welfare

Introduced: May 9, 2019

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor

Latest Action: 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. (May 9, 2019)

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| Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32] | D · CA | | Jul 1, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | May 9, 2019 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred To | May 9, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 1540 | Related bill | Mar 5, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. |

Summary (as of May 9, 2019)

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This bill expands benefits, and increases specified taxes, related to the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program.

Changes to benefits include (1) increasing the primary insurance amount for certain beneficiaries, (2) calculating cost-of-living adjustments by using a price index that tracks the spending patterns of older consumers, and (3) establishing an alternative benefit for widows or widowers in two-income households.

Changes to taxes include phasing out the cap on earnings subject to the Social Security payroll tax. Under current law, the maximum amount subject to this tax is \$132,900.

Actions Timeline

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