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American Miners Act of 2019

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jan 3, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]

Party: Independent • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jan 3, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 7, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 8, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 18, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 18, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 20, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 17, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Sep 18, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Oct 21, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1865	Related bill	Dec 20, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-94.
116 S 2788	Related bill	Nov 6, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 934	Related bill	Oct 23, 2019: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
116 HR 935	Related bill	Oct 23, 2019: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
116 S 671	Related bill	Mar 6, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Jan 3, 2019)

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This bill transfers certain funds to provide pension and health benefits for retired coal miners who have been affected by issues such as coal company bankruptcies.

The Department of the Treasury must transfer additional funds to the 1974 United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) Pension Plan to pay pension benefits required under that plan if the annual limit on transfers under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 exceeds the amount required to be transferred for existing obligations of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund. The bill also increases the annual limit on transfers from \$490 million to \$750 million.

The bill also adds miners affected by 2018 coal company bankruptcies to the group whose retiree health benefits are taken into account in determining the amount that Treasury must transfer under current law to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan.

Additionally, the bill (1) reduces the minimum age for in-service distributions under certain retirement plans, and (2) extends the increased rates for the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund excise tax.

Actions Timeline

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