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Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5210	Related bill	Dec 19, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 S 2936	Related bill	Nov 21, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 2813	Related bill	Jun 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

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This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide employment authorization for eligible asylum applicants. Currently, such individuals are not entitled to employment authorization but may be granted such by the Department of Justice.

DHS shall grant employment authorization to an asylum seeker (1) who is not in detention, (2) whose application for asylum has not been deemed frivolous, and (3) whose identity has been checked against certain databases. Such employment authorization shall last for one year and be renewable for one-year terms during the period necessary to adjudicate the applicant's asylum claim.

The bill also shortens the waiting period for receiving employment authorization to 30 days from the filing of the asylum application.

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