

## S 3245

### WORKER Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

**Introduced:** Jan 28, 2020

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jan 28, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 28, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4965	Related bill	<b>Oct 31, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
116 HR 1168	Related bill	<b>Mar 6, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
116 HR 399	Related bill	<b>Jan 9, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## **Working On Rewarding and Keeping Employees Resilient Act or the WORKER Act**

This bill addresses workforce development by advancing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, revising and implementing certain worker training, retention, and advancement programs.

The bill requires (1) the Department of Education (ED) to award grants to eligible entities to implement certain formal and informal engineering education programs in elementary and secondary schools, and (2) the use of certain career and technical education program funds for supporting a hands-on learning approach.

The bill establishes in the Department of Labor an Office of Apprenticeship, including a National Advisory Committee on Apprenticeships, to promote apprenticeship programs.

Labor and ED must establish a voluntary Registered Apprenticeship-College Collaborative consisting of the sponsors carrying out registered apprenticeship programs, two- or four-year post secondary educational institutions, and organizations that represent such programs or institutions.

## **Actions Timeline**

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