

## HR 5970

### Language Equity in Social Security Act of 2020

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

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## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires the Social Security Administration (SSA) to take into account an individual's linguistic limitations, including any lack of facility with the English language, when determining if the individual has a disability for purposes of eligibility for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits or Supplemental Security Income. SSA regulations scheduled to take effect on April 27, 2020, eliminate an individual's inability to communicate in English as an educational factor for purposes of determining whether the individual can make an adjustment to perform other work.

### Actions Timeline

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