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Emergency Social Security Benefits Improvement Act

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Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Mar 23, 2020
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Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Mar 23, 2020
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Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Mar 23, 2020
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Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Aug 21, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 23, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 23, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4986	Related bill	Dec 9, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S7328)
116 HR 7499	Related bill	Jul 9, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.

Emergency Social Security Benefits Improvement Act

This bill makes changes to Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) benefits, including by (1) modifying funding formulas, (2) extending eligibility for certain benefits, and (3) increasing income thresholds used to determine the percentage of OASDI benefits subject to federal income tax.

Changes to funding formulas include (1) increasing the primary insurance amount, and (2) establishing new methods to calculate benefits for individuals with lifetime low earnings and for widows and widowers.

In addition, children of a deceased, disabled, or retired worker remain eligible for benefits through age 22 if they are full-time students. Under current law, they receive benefits through age 18.

The bill also extends dependent child benefits to specified family members other than grandparents or step-grandparents, including in cases where a court grants custody of the dependent child to an eligible family member. To receive benefits under current law, either both parents must be disabled or deceased or a grandparent or step-grandparent must legally adopt the dependent child.

Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 23, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.