

HR 6396

Responsible Relief for Americans Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]

Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Mar 26, 2020
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Mar 26, 2020
Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Mar 26, 2020
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Mar 26, 2020
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Mar 31, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2020
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2020
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2020
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2020
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2020
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2020
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 30, 2020
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Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6304	Related bill	Mar 19, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
116 HR 5596	Related bill	Jan 14, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
116 S 3112	Related bill	Dec 19, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 4947	Related bill	Oct 31, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
116 HR 3182	Related bill	Jun 28, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
116 HR 2971	Related bill	May 23, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
116 S 1564	Related bill	May 21, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
116 S 1149	Related bill	Apr 11, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 216	Related bill	Jan 3, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Summary (as of Mar 26, 2020)

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This bill revises and establishes economic assistance measures in response to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Specifically, the bill provides funding for and authorizes the Small Business Administration (SBA) to guarantee paycheck protection loans made to small businesses. Recipients of such loans are eligible for forgiveness of amounts expended for specified costs such as payroll. Small businesses may request an advance of up \$10,000 on an SBA disaster loan for which they have applied in response to COVID-19.

Further the bill

- requires the SBA to temporarily pay the principal, interest, and any associated fees that are owed on certain SBA loans;
- repeals provisions that require an employer to provide paid sick leave for employees who are unable to work due to COVID-19;
- repeals provisions authorizing the use of certain funds to provide educational assistance and training for U.S. workers;
- provides additional time for federal contractors to carry out their responsibilities and guarantees payment continuation for federal contractors who are delayed or interrupted because of COVID-19;
- increases and expands the tax deduction for certain trade or business income;
- authorizes borrowers with federally backed mortgages who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 to request forbearance;
- revises provisions relating to health savings accounts (HSAs), including to allow increased participation in HSAs and to increase the limit on contributions to HSAs;
- expands reporting requirements for pharmaceutical manufacturers; and
- extends the deadline for filing 2019 individual income tax returns from April 15, 2019, to November 15, 2019.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 30, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 13, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Mar 26, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Oversight and Reform, House Administration, Energy and Commerce, Small Business, the Judiciary, Financial Services, Veterans' Affairs, and Agriculture, 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.