

HR 7477

WPA Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

Introduced: Jul 1, 2020

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade. (Jul 1, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5] | D · MN | | Jul 1, 2020 |
| Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2] | D · MS | | Jul 6, 2020 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC | | Jul 9, 2020 |
| Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7] | D · IN | | Jul 20, 2020 |
| Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large] | D · GU | | Jul 23, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Jul 1, 2020 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Jul 1, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 116 HR 4278 | Related bill | Sep 10, 2019: Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. |
| 116 S 2457 | Related bill | Sep 10, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 116 HR 1516 | Related bill | Mar 5, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. |
| 116 S 647 | Related bill | Mar 5, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

Workforce Promotion and Access Act or the WPA Act

This bill requires the Department of Labor to establish a program to provide competitive grants to eligible entities (i.e., political subdivisions of states and Tribal entities with a high unemployment rate and outlying areas) to establish programs to ensure employment to individuals residing in the areas served by such entities.

The bill also imposes a trading excise tax on certain transactions occurring on a qualified board or exchange in the United States or with respect to a derivative.

Actions Timeline

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