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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|--|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Reported By | Nov 9, 2020 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate | Referred To | Nov 30, 2020 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Discharged From | Nov 9, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 8789 | Related bill | Nov 19, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |
| 116 HRES 1224 | Procedurally related | Nov 19, 2020: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. |
| 116 HR 8762 | Related bill | Nov 17, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |
| 116 HR 8766 | Related bill | Nov 17, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |
| 116 HR 8357 | Related bill | Sep 23, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |
| 116 HR 8321 | Related bill | Sep 21, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |
| 116 HR 8328 | Related bill | Sep 21, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |
| 116 HR 8317 | Related bill | Sep 18, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |
| 116 HR 8302 | Related bill | Sep 17, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |

National Apprenticeship Act of 2020

This bill provides statutory authority for the registered apprenticeship program within the Department of Labor (DOL), provides for related grant programs, and contains related provisions.

The bill provides statutory authority for the Office of Apprenticeship (OA) within DOL. The OA's responsibilities include (1) supporting the development of apprenticeship models; (2) recognizing qualified state apprenticeship agencies, and operating apprenticeship offices in states without a recognized agency; (3) providing technical assistance to state agencies; (4) periodically updating requirements for each occupation in the apprenticeship program and determining whether to approve new occupations for the program; (5) promoting greater diversity in the national apprenticeship system; and (6) awarding grants provided under this bill.

The bill also establishes in statute the responsibilities of state apprenticeship agencies and offices, including (1) providing technical assistance to stakeholders, (2) resolving complaints, (3) establishing state performance goals, and (4) including in its written plan a description of how its apprenticeship programs align with the skills needs of the state's employers.

The OA shall enter into an agreement with the Department of Education to promote the integration and alignment of apprenticeship programs with secondary, postsecondary, and adult education.

The OA shall award grants to eligible entities to (1) expand national apprenticeship system programs, including by expanding pre-apprenticeship and youth apprenticeship programs; (2) encourage employer participation; and (3) strengthen alignment between the apprenticeship system and education providers.

The bill provides statutory authority for criteria for various programs, including (1) quality standards for apprenticeships, (2) requirements for apprenticeship agreements between a program sponsor and an apprentice, and (3) acceptable uses for grant funds awarded under this bill.

The bill also provides statutory authority for the National Advisory Committee on Apprenticeships. The committee's duties shall include advising the OA on matters relating to this bill and providing recommendations on topics such as increasing the participation of populations not traditionally involved in the national apprenticeship system.

DOL shall engage an independent entity to conduct research on ways to improve the management and effectiveness of programs related to the national apprenticeship system.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 30, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Nov 20, 2020:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5993-6007)
- **Nov 20, 2020:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1224, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Levin (MI) amendment No. 9.
- **Nov 20, 2020:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Levin (MI) amendment, the Chair put the question on agreeing to the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Ms. Foxx demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of agreeing to the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Nov 20, 2020:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1224, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Smucker amendment No. 15.
- **Nov 20, 2020:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Smucker amendment, the Chair put the question on agreeing to the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Smucker demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of agreeing to the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Nov 20, 2020:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on agreeing to amendments, which had been debated previously and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Nov 20, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 246 - 140 (Roll no. 227).
- **Nov 20, 2020:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 246 - 140 (Roll no. 227).
- **Nov 20, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 19, 2020:** Rule H. Res. 1224 passed House.
- **Nov 19, 2020:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1224. (consideration: CR H5950-5982)
- **Nov 19, 2020:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8294 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit with or without instructions allowed. Specified amendments are in order. The resolution provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 19, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 8294.
- **Nov 19, 2020:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1224, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Scott(VA) En Bloc amendment No. 1.
- **Nov 19, 2020:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1224, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Scott(VA) En Bloc amendment No. 2.
- **Nov 19, 2020:** Without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.
- **Nov 19, 2020:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rule 19, the Chair postponed further consideration on H.R. 8294.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1224 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8294 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit with or without instructions allowed. Specified amendments are in order. The resolution provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 9, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and Labor. H. Rept. 116-567, Part I.
- **Nov 9, 2020:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Nov 9, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 465.
- **Sep 24, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 24, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 16.
- **Sep 17, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 17, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.