

## S 833

### Pension Accountability Act

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		May 6, 2019
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		May 21, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jun 3, 2019
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 12, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 14, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Pension Accountability Act**

This bill revises the rules for voting on the suspension of pension benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status. The bill changes the voting procedure for suspending plan benefits to provide that a suspension shall go into effect unless a majority of plan participants and beneficiaries who cast a vote (currently, a majority of all plan participants and beneficiaries) reject the suspension.

The bill also eliminates the authority of the Department of the Treasury, in the case of systemically important plans, to override a vote of plan participants to reject a suspension. A plan is systemically important if projected financial assistance to the plan will exceed \$1 billion if suspensions are not implemented.

## **Actions Timeline**

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