

HR 1388

WPA Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

Introduced: Feb 25, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support. (Feb 25, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5] | D · MN | | Feb 25, 2021 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC | | Feb 26, 2021 |
| Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17] | D · NY | | Feb 26, 2021 |
| Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13] | D · MI | | Feb 26, 2021 |
| Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4] | D · IL | | Mar 8, 2021 |
| Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20] | D · FL | | Mar 11, 2021 |
| Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11] | D · CA | | May 7, 2021 |
| Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10] | D · NJ | | Mar 21, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Feb 25, 2021 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 25, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HR 328 | Related bill | Jan 15, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. |

Workforce Promotion and Access Act or the WPA Act

This bill requires the Department of Labor to establish a program to provide grants for job guarantee programs. Specifically, such grants are awarded on a competitive basis to political subdivisions of states, tribal entities, and outlying areas with a high unemployment rate to establish a program to ensure employment to residents. A job guarantee program qualifies under this bill if the jobs provided under the program pay a certain wage, are included in an established bargaining unit, provide health insurance, and comply with certain leave requirements.

The bill also imposes a trading excise tax, with certain exemptions, on certain transactions occurring on a qualified board or exchange in the United States or with respect to a derivative. The rate of such tax is 0.1% on purchases of stocks, bonds, and derivatives.

The tax applies to transactions by a controlled foreign corporation and must be paid by its U.S. shareholders.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.