

HR 2188

Reopening America by Supporting Workers and Businesses Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]

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

Cosponsors (36 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Herrell, Yvette [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Bentz, Cliff [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Apr 19, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		May 4, 2021
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		May 4, 2021
Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	R · FL		May 11, 2021
Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	R · FL		May 11, 2021
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		May 12, 2021
Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. LaTurner, Jake [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jul 20, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2021
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3154	Related bill	May 12, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
117 S 1389	Related bill	Apr 27, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Mar 26, 2021)

Reopening America by Supporting Workers and Businesses Act of 2021

This bill permits states to provide a one-time lump sum payment, through July 1, 2021, to individuals who (1) were eligible for COVID-19 pandemic unemployment compensation during any week after enactment of this bill, and (2) are no longer eligible as a result of becoming thereafter reemployed. Payments of \$1,200 shall be paid to individuals who work at least 30 hours and \$600 to individuals who work at least 20 hours but less than 30.

The payments are available for claimants (1) who are not employed by a government entity, (2) who return to work for at least four consecutive weeks, and (3) whose annual salary does not exceed \$75,000. Before receipt of a payment, the individuals' employers must verify their hours and earnings.

Additionally, the bill (1) accelerates a scheduled increase in funding for reemployment services and eligibility assessments (RESEA), (2) allows states to use RESEA funds to serve all workers receiving unemployment benefits, and not just those most likely to exhaust their benefits; and (3) allows states to provide reemployment services to individuals receiving pandemic unemployment assistance and pandemic emergency unemployment compensation.

Finally, the bill reinstates the requirement that unemployment claimants certify they are able, available, and actively seeking work.

Actions Timeline

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