

HR 2221

ACCESS Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: Mar 26, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (Mar 29, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6] | D · MD | | Mar 26, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Financial Services Committee | House | Referred To | Mar 26, 2021 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 29, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 1049 | Identical bill | Mar 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. |

Affordable Child Care for Economic Strategies and Success Act or the ACCESS Act

This bill authorizes the Department of Commerce to provide grants for public works and economic development projects that will directly or indirectly increase the accessibility of child care, including grants for planning, training, research, and technical assistance related to such projects.

Commerce must issue regulations to establish criteria for whether a project directly or indirectly increases the accessibility of child care. Such criteria shall consider (1) the availability, validity, and accessibility of timely data; (2) the extent to which a project contributes to a family's financial security; and (3) the extent to which a project addresses child care needs in areas recognized as experiencing a child care shortage.

Commerce must also issue guidance on how to include the accessibility of child care in a comprehensive economic development strategy.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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.