

## HR 3148

### Help Wanted Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (May 12, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Jacobs, Chris [R-NY-27]

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

### Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		May 12, 2021
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		May 12, 2021
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		May 14, 2021
Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	R · FL		May 19, 2021
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		May 19, 2021
Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	R · FL		May 19, 2021
Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]	R · LA		May 19, 2021
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		May 20, 2021
Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]	R · IA		May 20, 2021
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		May 21, 2021
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		May 25, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Letlow, Julia [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Sep 28, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 12, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of May 12, 2021)

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This bill eliminates certain work search exceptions and flexibilities in the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program. Specifically, the bill prohibits states participating in PUA from modifying unemployment work search requirements on an emergency basis to respond to COVID-19. The bill also eliminates a requirement that states be flexible regarding work search requirements for individuals who are unable to search for work because of COVID-19. Similarly, the bill makes individuals who decline to work on the basis of safety concerns related to COVID-19 and claimants who quit working as a direct result of COVID-19 ineligible for PUA.

### Actions Timeline

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- **May 12, 2021:** Introduced in House
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