

HR 3983

Responsible Practical Training Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Nov 1, 2022)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Herrell, Yvette [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jun 17, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 17, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Responsible Practical Training Act of 2021

This bill imposes limits on the Optional Practical Training program and addresses related issues. (The program provides an F-1 student visa holder temporary employment authorization before or after completion of the student's studies, or both. Currently, an eligible alien may receive up to 12 months of employment authorization under the program, with a 24-month extension available to certain individuals with degrees in certain fields related to science, technology, engineering, or math.)

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Homeland Security to issue regulations to (1) limit the program to six months and eliminate any extensions; and (2) exclude from the program any alien with a degree or working in a sensitive field, such as military-related fields.

The Department of Labor must conduct a wage analysis of the Optional Practical Training program and Curricular Practical Training program. The analysis must include a determination as to whether the aliens in the programs received wages appropriate for the type and location of employment.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.