

HR 447

National Apprenticeship Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (91 total)

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Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jan 25, 2021
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Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jan 25, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jan 28, 2021
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Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jan 28, 2021

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Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 1, 2021

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Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Feb 2, 2021
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Feb 2, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 25, 2021
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 25, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3663	Related bill	Jun 1, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 S 1886	Related bill	May 27, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 HR 585	Related bill	Feb 5, 2021: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H425-426)
117 HR 683	Related bill	Feb 2, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 HR 703	Related bill	Feb 2, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 HRES 85	Related bill	Feb 2, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 HR 548	Related bill	Jan 28, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 HR 559	Related bill	Jan 28, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

National Apprenticeship Act of 2021

This bill provides statutory authority for the registered apprenticeship program within the Department of Labor and for related grant programs.

The bill provides statutory authority for the Office of Apprenticeship (OA) within Labor. The OA's responsibilities include (1) supporting the development of apprenticeship models; (2) recognizing qualified state apprenticeship agencies, and operating apprenticeship offices in states without a recognized agency; (3) providing technical assistance to state agencies; (4) periodically updating requirements for each occupation in the apprenticeship program and determining whether to approve new occupations for the program; (5) promoting greater diversity in the national apprenticeship system; and (6) awarding grants provided by this bill.

The bill also establishes in statute the responsibilities of state apprenticeship agencies and offices, including (1) providing technical assistance to stakeholders, (2) resolving complaints, (3) establishing state performance goals, and (4) including in its written plan a description of how its apprenticeship programs align with the skills needs of the state's employers.

The OA shall enter into an agreement with the Department of Education to promote the integration and alignment of apprenticeship programs with secondary, postsecondary, and adult education.

The OA shall award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to eligible entities to (1) expand national apprenticeship system programs, including by expanding pre-apprenticeship and youth apprenticeship programs; (2) encourage employer participation; and (3) strengthen alignment between the apprenticeship system and education providers.

The bill provides statutory authority for criteria for various programs, including (1) quality standards for apprenticeships, (2) requirements for apprenticeship agreements between a program sponsor and an apprentice, and (3) acceptable uses for grant funds awarded by this bill.

The bill also provides statutory authority for the National Advisory Committee on Apprenticeships. The committee's duties shall include advising the OA on matters relating to this bill and providing recommendations on topics such as increasing the participation of populations not traditionally involved in the national apprenticeship system.

Labor shall engage an independent entity to conduct research on ways to improve the management and effectiveness of national apprenticeship system programs.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Mr. Scott (VA) asked unanimous consent that the Clerk be directed to make a change in the engrossment of H.R. 447 to strike lines 1 through 6 on page 21 and insert revised language. Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 85. (consideration: CR H393-440)
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 447 and H. Con. Res. 11 with 1 hour of debate on H.R. 447 and 3 hours of debate on H. Con. Res. 11. The previous question on both measures shall be considered as ordered. The rule also provides for a motion to recommit on H.R. 447.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 447.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 85, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Levin amendment en bloc No. 1.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Levin (MI) amendment en bloc No.1, the Chair put the question on the adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Biggs demanded yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 85, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Levin (MI) amendment en bloc 2.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 85, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Levin amendment en bloc No. 3.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 85, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hill amendment No. 10.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Hill amendment No. 10, the Chair put the question on the adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Hill demanded yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 85, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Stefanik amendment No. 22.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Stefanik amendment No. 22, the Chair put the question on the adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the nays had prevailed. Mrs. Stefanik demanded yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rules 19, the Chair postponed further consideration of H.R. 447.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H455-458)
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 247 - 173 (Roll no. 31).
- **Feb 5, 2021:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 247 - 173 (Roll no. 31).
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 85 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 447 and H. Con. Res. 11 with 1 hour of debate on H.R. 447 and 3 hours of debate on H. Con. Res. 11. The previous question on both measures shall be considered as ordered. The rule also provides for a motion to recommit on H.R. 447.
- **Jan 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 25, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.