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REEF Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget. (Mar 2, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]

Party: Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 12, 2021
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Apr 19, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 11, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		May 11, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		May 11, 2021
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		May 25, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Sep 27, 2022
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Dec 12, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 2, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2900	Identical bill	Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.

Railroad Employee Equity and Fairness Act or the REEF Act

This bill permanently exempts payments made from the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Account from sequestration. Sequestration is a process of automatic, usually across-the-board spending reductions under which budgetary resources are permanently cancelled to enforce specific budget policy goals.

Currently, this exemption ends 30 days after the termination of the COVID-19 national emergency period.

Actions Timeline

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