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REEF Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

Introduced: Mar 2, 2021

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)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/545>

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 |
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| Budget Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 2, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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

- **Mar 2, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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