

HR 6206

American Tech Workforce Act of 2021

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Policy Area: Immigration

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

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]

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

Cosponsors (17 total)

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Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Dec 9, 2021
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Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Dec 13, 2021
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Good, Bob [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Jan 6, 2022
Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Jan 11, 2022
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Apr 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4644	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

Summary (as of Dec 9, 2021)

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This bill eliminates the Optional Practical Training Program and modifies requirements for H-1B visas (nonimmigrant workers in specialty occupations and fashion models). (The Optional Practical Training Program provides an eligible F-1 student visa holder temporary employment authorization before or after completion of the student's studies, or both.)

Under this bill, the employer must pay an H-1B visa holder the greater of (1) the annual wage paid to a U.S. worker who did identical or similar work in the two years before the employer's H-1B application; or (2) \$110,000, with this amount to be adjusted annually for inflation. Currently, the H-1B visa holder must be paid the greater of (1) the employer's actual wage for similarly qualified U.S. workers in the specific position, or (2) the local prevailing wage for the occupational classification.

The bill also removes a requirement for the employer to provide the visa holder with working conditions such that the working conditions of similarly employed workers will not be affected.

The bill imposes limits on assigning H-1B visa holders to third-party work sites, such as limiting the visa validity period to one year if the visa holder performs any part of their assignment at a third-party work site.

The bill requires the H-1B applications with the highest listed compensation to be granted before those with lower listed compensation.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 9, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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