

HR 3111

Words Matter Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (May 5, 2023)

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Sponsor

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

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Rep. Langworthy, Nicholas A. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		May 5, 2023
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Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		May 5, 2023
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Rep. McGarvey, Morgan [D-KY-3]	D · KY		May 5, 2023
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		May 5, 2023
Rep. Molinaro, Marcus J. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		May 5, 2023
Rep. Moskowitz, Jared [D-FL-23]	D · FL		May 5, 2023
Rep. Mullin, Kevin [D-CA-15]	D · CA		May 5, 2023
Rep. Nickel, Wiley [D-NC-13]	D · NC		May 5, 2023
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		May 5, 2023
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		May 5, 2023
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 5, 2023
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		May 5, 2023
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		May 5, 2023
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		May 5, 2023
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Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		May 5, 2023
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Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		May 5, 2023
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-21]	D · CA		May 11, 2023
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Nov 13, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 5, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3726	Identical bill	Feb 1, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of May 5, 2023)

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This bill removes outdated terminology in specified statutes by replacing references to *mentally retarded* and *mental retardation* with *intellectual disability*.

Actions Timeline

- **May 5, 2023:** Introduced in House
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