

HR 5861

BRIDGE for Workers Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

Introduced: Oct 2, 2023

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 118-120.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 118-120. (Nov 25, 2024)

Law: 118-120 (Enacted Nov 25, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/5861>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-16]

Party: Republican • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Oct 2, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 13, 2024
Ways and Means Committee	House	Reported By	Nov 21, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3745	Identical bill	Feb 7, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Building on Reemployment Improvements to Deliver Good Employment for Workers Act or the BRIDGE for Workers Act

This act permanently expands the allowable purposes for certain Department of Labor grants to states for reemployment services and eligibility assessments. Specifically, the act permanently allows these grants to be used to fund reemployment services and eligibility assessments for all claimants for unemployment compensation.

(Under the current statute, the grants may only be used to provide such services to a subset of claimants who have been identified by the state as likely to exhaust unemployment benefits and need job search assistance to become employed. However, in recent years, annual appropriations acts have allowed the grants to be used for all claimants for unemployment compensation. This act makes this authority permanent.)

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 25, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 25, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-120.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 14, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 13, 2024:** Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 13, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 13, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6567)
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Mr. Smith (MO) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5253-5254)
- **Sep 17, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5861.
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5253)
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- **Sep 17, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 21, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 118-277.
- **Nov 21, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 222.
- **Nov 2, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Nov 2, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 41 - 0.
- **Oct 2, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 2, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.