

HR 1177

Improve and Enhance the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (16 total)

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Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Feb 10, 2025
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Feb 10, 2025
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Feb 10, 2025
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Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank" [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 11, 2025
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Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Mar 31, 2025
Rep. McBride, Sarah [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		May 7, 2025
Rep. Miller, Max L. [R-OH-7]	R · OH		May 8, 2025
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jun 12, 2025
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Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Sep 19, 2025
Rep. Vindman, Eugene Simon [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Oct 3, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 10, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 492	Related bill	Feb 10, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Feb 10, 2025)

Improve and Enhance the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Act

This bill increases the work opportunity tax credit (WOTC) for wages paid during the first year of employment to certain employees. The bill also eliminates the maximum age limit applicable to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit recipients for purposes of the WOTC.

Under current law, an employer generally may claim a WOTC in the amount of 40% of up to \$6,000 (or of up to \$24,000 for certain veterans, \$3,000 for summer youth employees, and \$10,000 for long-term family aid recipients) of qualified wages paid during the first year of employment to an employee who is a member of a targeted group. (Exceptions and limitations apply.)

The bill increases the WOTC to (1) 50% of up to \$6,000 (or of up to \$24,000 for certain veterans) of qualified first-year wages paid to an employee who is a member of a targeted group (other than a summer youth employee or recipient of long-term family aid), and (2) 50% of up to \$12,000 (or of up to \$48,000 for certain veterans) of qualified wages paid during the first year of employment to such employee if the employee works at least 400 hours during the year.

Finally, the bill eliminates the maximum age limit applicable to SNAP benefit recipients and, thus, allows an employer to claim the WOTC for qualified first-year wages paid to an employee who is at least 18 years old and receiving SNAP benefits for a certain period of time.

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