



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

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H.R. 1759, BRIDGE for Workers Act

Section-by-Section Description

Sec. 1. Short Title.

Section 1 provides the bill title, Building on Reemployment Improvements to Deliver Good Employment for Workers, or BRIDGE for Workers Act.

Sec. 2. Findings.

Section 2 describes the improvements made in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 and the value of investing in state reemployment services to help a wide range of unemployed workers return to work more quickly.

Sec. 3. Eligibility for Reemployment Services.

Section 3 modifies Section 306(a) of the Social Security Act to insert a broader definition of unemployment insurance recipients who can be eligible for services funded by Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment grants (RESEAs). The change in law ensures that the Department of Labor can award grants to states and territories that offer reemployment assistance to all recipients of earned unemployment benefits who need help to return to work more quickly, not just claimants expected to exhaust benefits without finding work.