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Executive Summary

Members of Congress filed several bills in October that address ESA issue areas. Those with the most interest involve tax incentives for fire sprinkler system retrofits and workforce development for skilled trades.

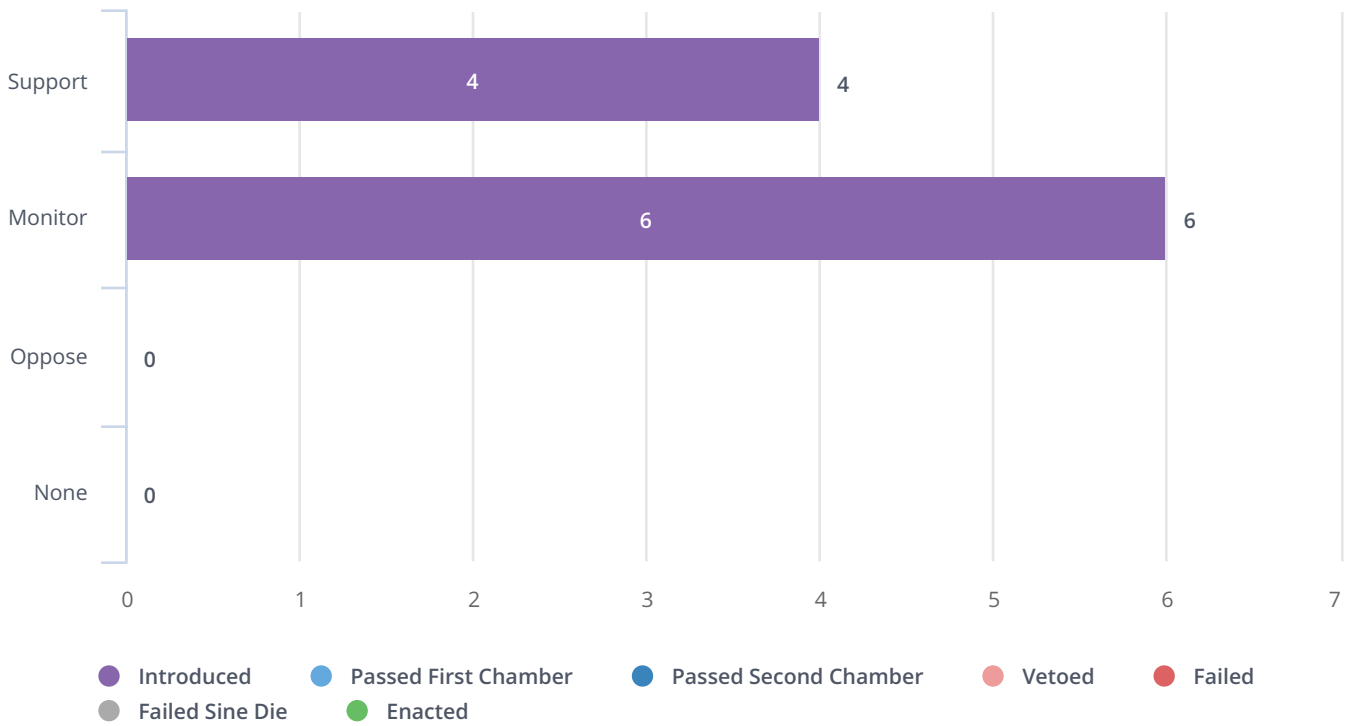
H.R. 4685 was filed in the House on October 15, 2019 and is titled as the "High Rise Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2019". It would reduce the depreciation for fire sprinkler system retrofits to 15 years from the current 39 years for commercial systems and 27.5 years for residential systems. The intent is to create an incentive to retrofit buildings with these systems.

HR 4760 and S. 2620 tackle career and technical education on several fronts. Among them is a proposed amendment to provide loan guarantees within the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, which would add "workforce development through work-based or work-integrated training" that documents in-house training of at least 12 weeks; military spouse work development initiatives; and inclusion of career and technical education programs in section 529 funds.

HR 4826 was filed on October 23, 2019 and is titled as the "21st Century Workforce Partnership Act". It would provide innovative grants for eligible education agencies to enter into partnerships for career and technical education between industries with education and training programs and the eligible agencies.

S. 2676 was also filed on October 23, 2019 and it would allow a tax credit up to \$4,000 for eligible training expenses for employees who meet certain requirements. It excludes double benefits where deductions for training expenses are otherwise available. It includes single or multiple training courses.

Bills by Last Status and Position



Bills by Issue

Audio/Video Monitoring (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	S 2689	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Banking Housing And Urban Affairs 2019 10 23	In Senate	Monitor	Medium

Title
No Biometric Barriers to Housing Act of 2019

Bill Summary: Last edited by Chris Heaton at Nov 1, 2019, 2:48 PM
This bill would create a requirement for any publicly funded housing project to provide Congress with a report on the impact of facial recognition technology on dwelling unit properties and how the use of this technology has impacted the civil rights of persons on these properties, among other requirements.

Employer Liability (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 4964	Referred To The Committee On Ways And Means And In Addition To The Committee On Education And Labor For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2019 10 31	In House	Monitor	Low

Title
To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the employer credit for paid family and medical leave, and for other purposes.

Bill Summary: Last edited by Chris Heaton at Nov 1, 2019, 3:13 PM
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Personal Privacy (1)

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US	S 2689	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Banking Housing And Urban Affairs 2019 10 23	In Senate	Monitor	Medium

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School Security (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 4951	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2019 10 31	In House	Monitor	Low

Title
To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen school security.

Bill Summary: Last edited by Chris Heaton at Nov 1, 2019, 3:11 PM
No bill text available at this time.

Taxation (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 4685	Referred To The House Committee On Ways And Means 2019 10 15	In House	Monitor	Medium

Title
High Rise Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2019

Bill Summary: Last edited by Chris Heaton at Nov 7, 2019, 6:26 PM
This bill would reduce the depreciation for fire sprinkler system retrofits to 15 years from the current 39 years for commercial systems and 27.5 years for residential systems. The intent is to create an incentive to retrofit buildings with these systems.

Workforce Development/CTE (3)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 4760	Referred To The Committee On Ways And Means And In Addition To The Committees On Education And Labor Transportation And Infrastructure Armed Services And Small Business For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2019 10 18	In House	Support	Medium

Title
Generating Real Opportunities for Workforce Training and Hiring Act

Bill Summary: Last edited by Chris Heaton at Nov 7, 2019, 6:29 PM
House companion to S. 2620. This bill tackles career and technical education on several fronts. Among them is a proposed amendment to provide loan guarantees within the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, which would add "workforce development through work-based or work-integrated training" that documents in house training of at least 12 weeks; military spouse work development initiatives; and inclusion of career and technical education programs in section 529 funds.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 4826	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2019 10 23	In House	Support	Medium

Title
21st Century Workforce Partnerships Act

Bill Summary: Last edited by Chris Heaton at Nov 7, 2019, 6:31 PM
This bill would provide innovative grants for eligible education agencies to enter into partnerships for career and technical education between industries with education and training programs and the eligible agencies.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	S 2620	Introduced In Senate 2019 10 17	In Senate	Support	Medium

Title
Generating Real Opportunities for Workforce Training and Hiring Act

Bill Summary: Last edited by Chris Heaton at Oct 29, 2019, 7:06 PM
This bill tackles career and technical education on several fronts. Among them is a proposed amendment to provide loan guarantees within the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, which would add "workforce development through work-based or work-integrated training" that documents in house training of at least 12 weeks; military spouse work development initiatives; and inclusion of career and technical education programs in section 529 funds.

Apprentice or Labor (3)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 4876	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2019 10 28	In House	Monitor	Low

Title
Earning Experience Act of 2019

Bill Summary: Last edited by Chris Heaton at Nov 5, 2019, 4:02 PM
This is another bill that would provide grants to eligible institutions that provide training programs for in-demand industries. The grants come with outcome tracking and other conditions.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 4965	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2019 10 31	In House	Monitor	Low

Title
To promote effective registered apprenticeships, for skills, credentials, and employment, and for other purposes.

Bill Summary: Last edited by Chris Heaton at Nov 1, 2019, 3:12 PM
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State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	S 2676	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Finance 2019 10 23	In Senate	Support	Medium

Title
Better Education and Skills Training for America's Workforce Act

Bill Summary: Last edited by Chris Heaton at Nov 7, 2019, 6:33 PM
This bill would allow a tax credit up to \$4,000 for eligible training expenses for employees who meet certain requirements. It excludes double benefits where deductions for training expenses are otherwise available. It includes single or multiple training courses.

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