



WASHINGTON UPDATE

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Older Americans Act Timeline

4/19/2016—
President Obama signs into law

4/7/2016—
Passed/agreed to in Senate

3/21/2016—
Passed/agreed to in House:
On motion to suspend the rules
and pass the bill, as amended
agreed to by voice vote.

7/16/2016—
Passed/agreed to in Senate:
Passed Senate without
amendment by Voice Vote.

2/3/2015—
Committee on Health,
Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Reported by Senator Alexander
without amendment. Without
written report.

1/20/2015—
Introduced in Senate

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President Barack Obama has signed the Older Americans Act Reauthorization into law

On April 19, President Obama signed into law the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016, the result of nearly six years of advocacy and education with members of Congress.

“Let’s hope advocates for older people have learned the lesson that we need to remain active and assertive with Congress and the next President,” said Richard Browdie, President and CEO, Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging. “When the next opportunity to reauthorize the OAA comes along, we need to be able to urge Congress to act in a timely way, because long periods without reauthorization precipitates insecurity and loss of momentum in progress.”

Differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill were resolved earlier this month. The current bill was originally introduced in the Senate in January 2015.

The Older Americans Act provides essential programs and services to seniors, including home-delivered meals, access to abuse prevention services, transportation assistance and support for family caregivers. The reauthorization also includes an increased emphasis on the use of evidence-based programs.

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