

Congressional Legislative Endorsement 118th Congress

Bill No. and Title: (Number to be assigned) – Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Restoration Act

Committee: To be assigned

Sponsor: Brown, Sherrod [Sen.-D-OH]

Co-Sponsors:

Brown, Gnorroa [Gon. B Gri]

Legislative history: Introduction pending

Summary of legislation:

As Senator Brown stated in 2021, "The promise of Social Security is to ensure that no one in America should live in poverty – least of all our nation's seniors and people with disabilities. By updating SSI we can deliver on this promise and ensure disabled and elderly Ohioans are able to live with dignity. Congress must prioritize these long-overdue reforms as part of upcoming recovery legislation." The SSI Restoration Act would: Raise SSI's sub-poverty-level monthly benefits, currently \$794 per month, to 100% of the federal poverty level—a 31% increase—and index them to inflation; Update and index the assets individuals or couples may have up to \$10,000 and \$20,000, respectively.

Link to text:

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