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To provide relief to workers impacted by COVID–19 and support for reopening businesses, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. TUBERVILLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To provide relief to workers impacted by COVID–19 and support for reopening businesses, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Back to Work Bonus
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TIME-LIMITED BACK-TO-WORK BONUSES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(b) of the Cares Act
8 (15 U.S.C. 9023(b)) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
10 graph (5); and

1 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(4) BACK-TO-WORK BONUSSES.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any agreement under
5 this section may also provide that the State
6 agency of the State may make a one-time lump
7 sum payment to each individual who—

8 “(i) was eligible for Federal Pandemic
9 Unemployment Compensation under para-
10 graph (1) for any week beginning after the
11 date of enactment of the Back to Work
12 Bonus Act;

13 “(ii) is no longer so eligible (as deter-
14 mined by the State), as a result of earn-
15 ings due to commencing employment; and

16 “(iii) as verified by the individual’s
17 employer pursuant to subparagraph (E)—

18 “(I) has been employed by a non-
19 governmental employer throughout
20 the individual’s qualifying period;

21 “(II) is employed for wages
22 equivalent to an annual salary of not
23 more than \$75,000; and

24 “(III) remains employed with an
25 intent to continue such employment.

1 “(B) AMOUNT.—A payment made to an
2 individual under this paragraph shall be paid in
3 a lump sum amount of—

4 “(i) \$1,200 in the case of an indi-
5 vidual who on average is working at least
6 30 hours or more per week during the
7 qualifying period; or

8 “(ii) \$600 in the case of an individual
9 who on average is working at least 20
10 hours or more per week, but less than 30
11 hours, during the qualifying period.

12 “(C) QUALIFYING PERIOD.—For purposes
13 of this paragraph, the term ‘qualifying period’
14 means, with respect to an individual, a period—

15 “(i) beginning on the date the indi-
16 vidual commenced employment as de-
17 scribed in subparagraph (A)(ii); and

18 “(ii) extending at least 4 consecutive
19 weeks from such date.

20 “(D) DURATION.—No lump sum payment
21 may be made to any individual under this para-
22 graph with respect to a qualifying period begin-
23 ning on or after July 1, 2021.

24 “(E) EMPLOYER VERIFICATION.—Before
25 making a lump sum payment to an individual

1 pursuant to this paragraph, a State agency
2 shall require verification from the individual’s
3 employer—

4 “(i) of the individual’s employment
5 status;

6 “(ii) of the wages paid to the indi-
7 vidual during the qualifying period; and

8 “(iii) of the hours worked by the indi-
9 vidual during the qualifying period.

10 “(F) LIMITATION.—A State may not pro-
11 vide more than one payment under this para-
12 graph to an individual.

13 “(G) SPECIAL RULE.—Payments made
14 pursuant to an agreement under this paragraph
15 shall not be considered to violate the withdrawal
16 requirements of section 303(a)(5) of the Social
17 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 503(a)(5)) or section
18 3304(a)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of
19 1986.”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 2104 of
21 such Act is amended—

22 (1) in subsections (d) and (f), by inserting “,
23 payments under subsection (b)(4),” after “Federal
24 Pandemic Unemployment Compensation” each place
25 it appears; and

1 (2) in subsection (g)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at
3 the end;

4 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
5 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(3) the purposes of the preceding provisions of
8 this section, as such provisions apply with respect to
9 payments under subsection (b)(4), shall be applied
10 with respect to unemployment benefits described in
11 subsection (i)(2) to the same extent and in the same
12 manner as if those benefits were regular compensa-
13 tion.”.

14 **SEC. 3. ACCELERATED FUNDING INCREASE FOR REEM-**
15 **PLOYMENT SERVICES AND ELIGIBILITY AS-**
16 **SESSMENTS.**

17 Section 314(g)(1)(D) of the Congressional Budget
18 Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 645(g)(1)(D)) is amended by—

19 (1) in clause (i), by striking “\$133,000,000”
20 and inserting “\$433,000,000”; and

21 (2) in clause (ii), by striking “\$258,000,000”
22 and inserting “\$433,000,000”.

23 **SEC. 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES.**

24 (a) CARES ACT.—

1 (1) PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.—

2 Section 2102 of the Cares Act (15 U.S.C. 9021) is
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(i) ELIGIBILITY FOR REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES.—

5 Pandemic unemployment assistance under this section
6 shall be treated as unemployment compensation for the
7 purposes of section 306 of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 506).”.

9 (2) PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT

10 COMPENSATION.—Section 2107 of the Cares Act (15
11 U.S.C. 9025) is amended by adding at the end the
12 following:

13 “(h) ELIGIBILITY FOR REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES.—

14 Pandemic emergency unemployment compensation under
15 this section shall be treated as unemployment compensa-
16 tion for the purposes of section 306 of the Social Security
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 506).”.

18 (b) SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Section 306(a) of the
19 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 506(a)) is amended—

20 (1) by striking “individuals referred to reem-
21 ployment services as described in section 303(j)”
22 and inserting “claimants for unemployment com-
23 pensation, including claimants referred to reemploy-
24 ment services as described in section 303(j),”; and

1 (2) by striking “such individuals” and inserting
2 “such claimants”.

3 **SEC. 5. REINSTATING FEDERAL WORK SEARCH REQUIRE-**
4 **MENT.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 4102(b) of the Families
6 First Coronavirus Relief Act (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is
7 amended by striking “work search,” after “with respect
8 to”.

9 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made under
10 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 30 days
11 after the date of enactment of this Act.