

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

TAX/TAX REBATES. Provides relative to rebates and rebate programs

DIGEST

Present law establishes the Enterprise Zone Program which provides for tax credits and rebates for eligible businesses.

Present law grants benefits under the program based on numbers of jobs. Part-time jobs may be counted for purposes of eligibility.

Proposed law deletes present law authorizing participation based on part-time employees.

Present law provides for specific eligibility criteria with respect to employees in jobs which are eligible for program benefits. The criteria include a requirement that an employee receive public assistance prior to employment.

Proposed law retains present law and specifies that the person shall have been receiving public assistance for six months prior to employment.

Proposed law adds a limitation on eligibility for retail businesses. If such a business has more than 100 employees nationwide it must be a pharmacy or grocery store located within an enterprise zone.

Applies to new contracts and renewals on or after the effective date of the proposed law if "advanced notification" has been filed on or after the effective date of the proposed law.

Effective if the proposed amendments of the La. Const. contained in the Joint Resolutions which originated as HB Nos. 434, 435, and 436 of the 2013 R.S. are concurred in by both houses of the legislature and HB Nos. 1, 437, 474, 571, 620, 653, and 696 of this 2013 R.S. are enacted into law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 51:1787(A)(3) and (B)(3) and 1791)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the original bill.

1. Changes eligibility provisions of the Enterprise Zone Rebate Program.
2. Deletes part-time employees from eligibility for participation in the enterprise zone program.
3. Adds limitation on the participation of certain large retail businesses in the enterprise zone program.
4. Adds effectiveness provisions, including contingencies regarding other legislation.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Adds to the requirement that an employee be receiving some form of public assistance for six months prior to employment.

2. Suspends provisions of the Student Tuition Organization rebate program from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016, with certain exceptions.
3. Suspends provisions of the Competitive Projects Payroll rebate program from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016, with certain exceptions.
4. Suspends provisions of the Corporate Headquarters Relocation rebate program from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016, with certain exceptions.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to the reengrossed bill

1. Deletes the provisions of proposed law which required the suspension from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 of the following rebates:
 - (a) Rebate payments for donations made to a Student Tuition Organization for purposes of creating scholarships for students at poorly performing public schools.
 - (b) The Competitive Projects Payroll Incentive Program which provides rebates equal to 15% of payroll expenses for certain businesses.
 - (c) The Corporate Headquarters Relocation Program which provides rebates equal to 25% of qualifying relocation expenses for business which move their corporate headquarters to the state.
2. Makes the Enterprise Zone limitations applicable to new contracts and renewals on or after the effective date of the proposed law if "advanced notification" has been filed on or after the effective date of the proposed law.