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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5 by Senator Reese

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 2 through 4 and insert the following:

3 "To suspend until sixty days after final adjournment of the 2021 Regular  
4 Session of the Legislature the provisions of R.S. 23:1474(C), (G)(3),  
5 and (H) providing for the determination of the unemployment  
6 insurance taxable wage base, maximum weekly benefit amount, and  
7 formula for the calculation of benefits for the 2021 calendar year.

8 WHEREAS, present law requires that each September the Revenue  
9 Estimating Conference meet to adopt a projected balance of the state's  
10 unemployment trust fund for one year into the future and for the secretary of  
11 the Louisiana Workforce Commission to take the lower amount of that  
12 projection and the actual September first balance in the current year to use  
13 in determining the taxable wage base, maximum weekly benefit amount, and  
14 formula for calculating benefits for the upcoming calendar year; and

15 WHEREAS, as the balance in the state's trust fund declines, payroll  
16 taxes increase on business and benefits decrease for unemployed workers and  
17 as the balance in the trust rises, payroll taxes decrease on businesses and  
18 benefits increase for unemployed workers; and"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 2

20 On page 1, line 9 change "around" to "in"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 3

22 On page 2, line 2, change "Louisiana Workforce Commission (commission)" to  
23 "commission"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 4

25 On page 2, line 7, after "payments" insert "to unemployed workers"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 5

27 On page 2, delete lines 9 through 13

28 AMENDMENT NO. 6

29 On page 2, delete lines 17 through 23 and insert the following:

30 "WHEREAS, in an effort to stabilize unemployment taxes on  
31 businesses and unemployment benefits to unemployed workers, it is  
32 necessary to temporarily suspend present law procedures that trigger those  
33 consequences.

34 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana  
35 hereby suspends the provision of R.S. 23:1474(C), (G)(3), and (H) providing  
36 for the determination of the unemployment insurance taxable wage base,  
37 maximum weekly benefit amount, and formula for the calculation of benefits.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become  
39 effective upon adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through the  
40 sixtieth day after final adjournment of the 2021 Regular Session of the  
41 Legislature of Louisiana."