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H. R. 2188

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY (for himself, Mr. HERN, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. ESTES, Mr. NUNES, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, and Mr. SMUCKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Reopening America
5 by Supporting Workers and Businesses Act of 2021”.

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

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(b) of the Cares Act
3 (Public Law 116–136) is amended—

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

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

8 “(4) BACK-TO-WORK BONUSES.—

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

13 “(i) was eligible for Federal Pandemic
14 Unemployment Compensation under para-
15 graph (1) for any week beginning after the
16 date of enactment of the Reopening Amer-
17 ica by Supporting Workers and Businesses
18 Act of 2021;

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

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

24 “(I) has been employed by a non-
25 governmental employer throughout
26 the individual’s qualifying period;

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

4 “(III) remains employed with an
5 intent to continue such employment.

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

9 “(i) \$1,200 in the case of an indi-
10 vidual who on average is working at least
11 30 hours or more per week during the
12 qualifying period; or

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

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

20 “(i) beginning on the date the indi-
21 vidual commenced employment as de-
22 scribed in subparagraph (A)(ii); and

23 “(ii) extending at least 4 consecutive
24 weeks from such date.

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

5 “(E) EMPLOYER VERIFICATION.—Before
6 making a lump sum payment to an individual
7 pursuant to this paragraph, a State agency
8 shall require verification from the individual’s
9 employer—

10 “(i) of the individual’s employment
11 status;

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

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

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

19 “(G) SPECIAL RULE.—Payments made
20 pursuant to an agreement under this paragraph
21 shall not be considered to violate the withdrawal
22 requirements of section 303(a)(5) of the Social
23 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 503(a)(5)) or section
24 3304(a)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of
25 1986.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 2104 of
2 such Act is amended—

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

7 (2) in subsection (g)—

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

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

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

13 “(3) the purposes of the preceding provisions of
14 this section, as such provisions apply with respect to
15 payments under subsection (b)(4), shall be applied
16 with respect to unemployment benefits described in
17 subsection (i)(2) to the same extent and in the same
18 manner as if those benefits were regular compensa-
19 tion.”.

20 **SEC. 3. ACCELERATED FUNDING INCREASE FOR REEM-**
21 **PLOYMENT SERVICES AND ELIGIBILITY AS-**
22 **SESSMENTS.**

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

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

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

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

6 (a) CARES ACT.—

7 (1) PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.—

8 Section 2102 of the Cares Act (Public Law 116–
9 136) is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(i) ELIGIBILITY FOR REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES.—

11 Pandemic unemployment assistance under this section
12 shall be treated as unemployment compensation for the
13 purposes of section 306 of the Social Security Act (42
14 U.S.C. 506).”.

15 (2) PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT

16 COMPENSATION.—Section 2107 of the Cares Act
17 (Public Law 116–136) is amended by adding at the
18 end the following:

19 “(h) ELIGIBILITY FOR REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES.—

20 Pandemic emergency unemployment compensation under
21 this section shall be treated as unemployment compensa-
22 tion for the purposes of section 306 of the Social Security
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 506).”.

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

