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[Budget Reconciliation Legislative Recommendations Relating to Crisis Support for Unemployed Workers]

Subtitle A—Crisis Support for Unemployed Workers

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Crisis Support for Unemployed Workers Act”.

PART 1—EXTENSION OF CARES ACT

UNEMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS

SEC. 9011. EXTENSION OF PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.

(a) In General.—Section 2102(e) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9021(e)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “paragraphs (2) and (3)” and inserting “paragraph (2)”; and

(B) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking “March 14, 2021” and inserting “August 29, 2021”; and

(2) by striking paragraph (3) and redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (3).
(b) Increase in Number of Weeks.—Section 2102(c)(2) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 9021(c)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking “50 weeks” and inserting “74 weeks”; and

(2) by striking “50-week period” and inserting “74-week period”.

c) Hold Harmless for Proper Administration.—In the case of an individual who is eligible to receive pandemic unemployment assistance under section 2102 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9021) as of the day before the date of enactment of this Act and on the date of enactment of this Act becomes eligible for pandemic emergency unemployment compensation under section 2107 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9025) by reason of the amendments made by section 9016(b) of this title, any payment of pandemic unemployment assistance under such section 2102 made after the date of enactment of this Act to such individual during an appropriate period of time, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, that should have been made under such section 2107 shall not be considered to be an overpayment of assistance under such section 2102, except that an individual may not receive payment for assistance under section 2102 and a
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payment for assistance under section 2107 for the same
week of unemployment.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
subsections (a) and (b) shall apply as if included in the
enactment of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), ex-
cept that no amount shall be payable by virtue of such
amendments with respect to any week of unemployment
commencing before the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 9012. EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT
RELIEF FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AND
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

Section 903(i)(1)(D) of the Social Security Act (42
U.S.C. 1103(i)(1)(D)) is amended by striking “March 14,
2021” and inserting “August 29, 2021”.

SEC. 9013. EXTENSION OF FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOY-
MENT COMPENSATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(e)(2) of the CARES
Act (15 U.S.C. 9023(e)(2)) is amended by striking “March 14,
2021” and inserting “August 29, 2021”.

(b) AMOUNT.—Section 2104(b)(3)(A) of such Act
(15 U.S.C. 9023(b)(3)(A)) is amended by adding at the
end the following:

“(iii) For weeks of unemployment
ending after March 14, 2021, and ending
on or before August 29, 2021, $400.”.
(c) Disregard of Certain Additional Compensation for Purposes of Medicaid and CHIP.—

Section 2104(h) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9023(h)) is amended by striking “Federal pandemic unemployment compensation” and inserting “Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation or Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation”.

SEC. 9014. EXTENSION OF FULL FEDERAL FUNDING OF THE FIRST WEEK OF COMPENSABLE REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT FOR STATES WITH NO WAITING WEEK.

(a) In General.—Section 2105(e)(2) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9024(e)(2)) is amended by striking “March 14, 2021” and inserting “August 29, 2021”.

(b) Full Reimbursement.—Paragraph (3) of section 2105(c) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 9024(c)) is repealed and such section shall be applied to weeks of unemployment to which an agreement under section 2105 of such Act applies as if such paragraph had not been enacted.

SEC. 9015. EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY STATE STAFFING FLEXIBILITY.

Section 4102(b) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (26 U.S.C. 3304 note), in the second sentence, is amended by striking “March 14, 2021” and inserting “August 29, 2021”.

SEC. 9016. EXTENSION OF PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

(a) In General.—Section 2107(g) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9025(g)) is amended to read as follows:

“(g) APPLICABILITY.—An agreement entered into under this section shall apply to weeks of unemployment—

“(1) beginning after the date on which such agreement is entered into; and

“(2) ending on or before August 29, 2021.”.

(b) Increase in Number of Weeks.—Section 2107(b)(2) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 9025(b)(2)) is amended by striking “24” and inserting “48”.

(c) Coordination Rules.—

(1) Coordination of Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation with Extended Compensation.—

(A) Individuals Receiving Extended Compensation as of the Date of Enactment.—Section 2107(a)(5) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 9025(a)(5)) is amended—

(i) by striking “Rule.—An agreement” and inserting the following:

“Rules.—

“(A) In General.—Subject to subparagraph (B), an agreement”; and
(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) SPECIAL RULE.—In the case of an individual who is receiving extended compensation under the State law for the week that includes the date of enactment of this subparagraph (without regard to the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) of section 9016 of the Crisis Support for Unemployed Workers Act), such individual shall not be eligible to receive pandemic emergency unemployment compensation by reason of such amendments until such individual has exhausted all rights to such extended benefits.”.

(B) ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTENDED COMPENSATION.—Section 2107(a) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 9025(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(8) SPECIAL RULE FOR EXTENDED COMPENSATION.—At the option of a State, for any weeks of unemployment beginning after the date of the enactment of this paragraph and ending on or before August 29, 2021, an individual’s eligibility period (as described in section 203(c) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation
Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note)) shall, for purposes of any determination of eligibility for extended compensation under the State law of such State, be considered to include any week which begins—

“(A) after the date as of which such individual exhausts all rights to pandemic emergency unemployment compensation; and

“(B) during an extended benefit period that began on or before the date described in subparagraph (A).”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply as if included in the enactment of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), except that no amount shall be payable by virtue of such amendments with respect to any week of unemployment commencing before the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 9017. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY FINANCING OF SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION PAYMENTS IN STATES WITH PROGRAMS IN LAW.

Section 2108(b)(2) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9026(b)(2)) is amended by striking “March 14, 2021” and inserting “August 29, 2021”.
SEC. 9018. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY FINANCING OF SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION AGREEMENTS FOR STATES WITHOUT PROGRAMS IN LAW.

Section 2109(d)(2) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9027(d)(2)) is amended by striking “March 14, 2021” and inserting “August 29, 2021”.

PART 2—EXTENSION OF FFCRA UNEMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS

SEC. 9021. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR STATES WITH ADVANCES.

Section 1202(b)(10)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1322(b)(10)(A)) is amended by striking “March 14, 2021” and inserting “August 29, 2021”.

SEC. 9022. EXTENSION OF FULL FEDERAL FUNDING OF EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

Section 4105 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended by striking “March 14, 2021” each place it appears and inserting “August 29, 2021”.

PART 3—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FUNDING FOR TIMELY, ACCURATE, AND EQUITABLE PAYMENT

SEC. 9031. FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATION.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
appropriated, $8,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses to carry out Federal activities relating to the administration of unemployment compensation programs.

SEC. 9032. FUNDING FOR FRAUD PREVENTION, EQUITABLE ACCESS, AND TIMELY PAYMENT TO ELIGIBLE WORKERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Labor for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $2,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, to detect and prevent fraud, promote equitable access, and ensure the timely payment of benefits with respect to unemployment insurance programs, including programs extended under this subtitle.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available under subsection (a) may be used—

(1) for Federal administrative costs related to the purposes described in subsection (a);

(2) for systemwide infrastructure investment and development related to such purposes;

(3) to make grants to States or territories administering unemployment insurance programs described in subsection (a) for such purposes, including the establishment of procedures or the building
of infrastructure to verify or validate identity, implement Federal guidance regarding fraud detection and prevention, and accelerate claims processing or process claims backlogs due to the pandemic; and

(4) for transfer to the Inspector General of the Department of Labor, to the Attorney General, to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, or to other Federal agencies investigating identity theft crime affecting Federal unemployment benefits, as determined appropriate by the Secretary, for the development of State tools for fraud detection or prevention or for the investigation or prosecution of fraud.

(c) Restrictions on Grants to States and Territories.—As a condition of receiving a grant under subsection (b)(3), the Secretary may require that a State or territory receiving such a grant shall—

(1) use such program integrity tools as the Secretary may specify; and

(2) as directed by the Secretary, conduct user accessibility testing on any new system developed by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (b)(2).