Public Law 98-135
98th Congress

An Act

To extend the Federal Supplemental Compensation Act of 1982, and for other purposes.

Oct. 24, 1983
[H.R. 3929]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Federal Supplemental Compensation Amendments of 1983.
26 USC 3304 note.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Federal Supplemental Compensation Amendments of 1983".

TITLE I—EXTENSION OF FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION PROGRAM

SEC. 101. EXTENSION OF FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION PROGRAM.

(a) GENERAL RULE.—Paragraph (2) of section 602(f) of the Federal Supplemental Compensation Act of 1982 is amended to read as follows:

26 USC 3304 note.

"(2) No Federal supplemental compensation shall be payable to any individual under an agreement entered into under this subtitle for any week beginning after March 31, 1985."

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (2) of section 605 of such Act is amended by striking out "October 19, 1983 (except as otherwise provided in section 602(f)(2))" and inserting in lieu thereof "April 1, 1985".

Ante, pp. 143, 803.

SEC. 102. NUMBER OF WEEKS FOR WHICH BENEFITS ARE PAYABLE.

(a) GENERAL RULE.—Subsection (e) of section 602 of the Federal Supplemental Compensation Act of 1982 is amended by striking out paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Ante, p. 141.

"(2)(A)(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the amount established in such account shall be equal to the lesser of—

"(I) 55 per centum of the total amount of regular compensation (including dependents' allowances) payable to the individual with respect to the benefit year (as determined under the State law) on the basis of which he most recently received regular compensation, or

"(II) the applicable limit times his average weekly benefit amount for his benefit year.

"(ii) For purposes of clause (i)—

Applicable limit.

"(I) in the case of an account from which Federal supplemental compensation was payable to an individual for a week beginning before October 19, 1983, the applicable limit shall be the applicable limit in effect in the State under this paragraph (as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Federal Supplemental Compensation Amendments of 1983) for the last week beginning before October 19, 1983, or

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"(II) in the case of an account from which Federal supplemental compensation is first payable for a week beginning after October 18, 1983, the applicable limit shall be the applicable limit determined under the following table with respect to the first week for which Federal supplemental compensation is payable from such account:

"In the case of weeks during a:	The applicable limit is:
6-percent period	14
5-percent period	12
4-percent period	10
Low-unemployment period	8.

Additional entitlement.

"(B) In the case of any account from which Federal supplemental compensation was first payable for a week which begins after March 31, 1983, and before October 19, 1983, the amount established in such account under subparagraph (A) shall be increased by the individual's additional entitlement. In no event shall such increase result in the individual's receiving more Federal supplemental compensation for weeks beginning after October 18, 1983, than the subparagraph (A) entitlement.

Definitions.

"(C) For purposes of subparagraph (B) and this subparagraph—

"(i) The term 'additional entitlement' means the lesser of—

"(I) ¾ of the subparagraph (A) entitlement, or

"(II) the individual's average weekly benefit amount for the benefit year multiplied by the applicable limit determined under clause (ii).

Applicable limit.

"(ii) The applicable limit determined under this clause is—

"(I) 5 if all of the amount in the individual's Federal supplemental compensation account (determined without regard to subparagraph (B)) is payable to the individual for weeks beginning before October 18, 1983, and

"(II) in the case of an individual not described in subclause (I), 4 (2 if the State is in a 4-percent period or a low-unemployment period for the first week beginning after October 18, 1983).

"(iii) The term 'subparagraph (A) entitlement' means the amount which would have been established in the account if Federal supplemental compensation were first payable from such account for the first week beginning after October 18, 1983.

"(3)(A) For purposes of this subsection, the terms '6-percent period', '5-percent period', '4-percent period', and 'low-unemployment period', mean, with respect to any State, the period which—

"(i) begins with the third week after the first week for which the applicable trigger is on, and

"(ii) ends with the second week after the first week for which the applicable trigger is off.

Applicable trigger.

"(B)(i) In the case of a 6-percent period, 5-percent period, 4-percent period, or low-unemployment period, as the case may be, the applicable trigger is on for any week if—

"(I) the rate of insured unemployment in the State for the period consisting of such week and the immediately preceding 12 weeks falls within the applicable range, or

"(II) the rate of insured unemployment in the State for the period consisting of the last week beginning in the second calendar quarter ending before the week for which the trigger determination is being made and all weeks preceding such last week which began on or after January 1, 1982, equals or exceeds

5.5 percent in the case of a 6-percent period (or, in the case of a 5-percent period, equals or exceeds 4.5 percent but is less than 5.5 percent).

Subclause (II) shall not apply in the case of a 4-percent period or low-unemployment period.

"(ii) In the case of a 6-percent period, 5-percent period, 4-percent period, or low-unemployment period, as the case may be, the applicable trigger is off for any week if subclause (I) of clause (i) is not satisfied (or in the case of a 6-percent period or a 5-percent period, both subclauses (I) and (II) of clause (i) are not satisfied).

"(iii) In the case of any 5-percent period, 4-percent period, or low-unemployment period, as the case may be, notwithstanding clauses (i) and (ii), the applicable trigger shall be off for any week if the applicable trigger for a period with a higher applicable limit is on for such week.

"(C) For purposes of this paragraph, the applicable range is as follows:

"In the case of a:	The applicable range is:
6-percent period	A rate equal to or exceeding 6 percent.
5-percent period	A rate equal to or exceeding 5 percent but less than 6 percent.
4-percent period	A rate equal to or exceeding 4 percent but less than 5 percent.
Low-unemployment period	A rate less than 4 percent.

"(D)(i) No 6-percent period, 5-percent period, 4-percent period, or low-unemployment period, as the case may be, which is in effect for the first week beginning after October 18, 1983, or any week thereafter, shall last for a period of less than 13 weeks beginning after October 18, 1983.

"(ii) The applicable limit in any State shall not be reduced or increased by more than 2 during any 13-week period beginning with the week for which such a reduction (or increase) would otherwise take effect. The preceding sentence shall not apply to any increase (or decrease) which takes effect for the first week beginning after October 18, 1983. Applicable limit.

"(E) For purposes of this subsection—

"(i) The rate of insured unemployment for any period shall be determined in the same manner as determined for purposes of section 203 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970; except that, for purposes of determining the rate of insured unemployment for the period described in subparagraph (B)(i)(II), the rate of insured unemployment shall be determined by reference to the average monthly covered employment under the State law for so much of such period as does not fall in the last 6 months thereof. Insured unemployment rate. 26 USC 3304 note.

"(ii) The amount of an individual's average weekly benefit amount shall be determined in the same manner as determined for purposes of section 202(b)(1)(C) of such Act." Average weekly benefit. 26 USC 3304 note.

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (3) of section 602(d) of such Act is amended by striking out "or (D)(ii)". *Ante*, p. 143.

SEC. 103. EFFECTIVE DATES. 26 USC 3304 note.

(a) GENERAL RULE.—The amendments made by this title shall apply to weeks beginning after October 18, 1983.

(b) TRANSITIONAL RULE.—In the case of any eligible individual who exhausted his rights to Federal supplemental compensation (by

reason of the payment of all of the amount in his Federal supplemental compensation account) before the first week beginning after October 18, 1983, such individual's eligibility for additional weeks of compensation by reason of the amendments made by this title shall not be limited or terminated by reason of any event, or failure to meet any requirement of law relating to eligibility for unemployment compensation, occurring after the date of such exhaustion of rights and before the beginning of the first week beginning after October 18, 1983 (and the period after such exhaustion and before the beginning of such first week shall not be counted for purposes of determining the expiration of the two years following the end of his benefit year for purposes of section 602(b) of the Federal Supplemental Compensation Act of 1982).

Proposal.

(c) MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of Labor shall, at the earliest practicable date, after the date of the enactment of this Act, propose to each State with which he has in effect an agreement under section 602 of the Federal Supplemental Compensation Act of 1982 a modification of such agreement designed to provide for the payment of Federal supplemental compensation under such Act in accordance with the amendments made by this title. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if any State fails or refuses within the three-week period beginning on the date the Secretary of Labor proposes such modification to such State, to enter into such modification of such agreement, the Secretary of Labor shall terminate such agreement effective with the end of the last week which ends on or before the close of such three-week period.

26 USC 3304 note.

Termination.

(d) NEW PERIODS BEGIN WITH FIRST WEEK AFTER OCTOBER 18, 1983.—For purposes of determining whether any 6-percent period, 5-percent period, 4-percent period, or low-unemployment period is in effect during weeks beginning after October 18, 1983, the amendments made by this title shall be treated as in effect during all periods before the first week beginning after October 18, 1983.

TITLE II—OTHER PROVISIONS

PAYMENT TO SURVIVORS OF DECEASED EMPLOYEES

SEC. 201. (a) Subsection (b) of section 3306 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (defining wages) is amended by striking out "or" at the end of paragraph (13), by striking out the period at the end of paragraph (14) and inserting in lieu thereof "; or", and by inserting after paragraph (14) the following new paragraph:

Ante, p. 127.

"(15) any payment made by an employer to a survivor or the estate of a former employee after the calendar year in which such employee died.".

Effective date. 26 USC 3306 note.

(b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to remuneration paid after the date of the enactment of this Act.

TREATMENT OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL LABOR

SEC. 202. Subparagraph (B) of section 3306(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (relating to agricultural labor) is amended by striking out "January 1, 1984" and inserting in lieu thereof "January 1, 1986".

26 USC 3306.

REPORT BY SECRETARY OF LABOR

SEC. 203. Not later than April 1, 1984, the Secretary of Labor shall submit a report to the Congress on— Submittal to Congress.

(1) the feasibility of using area triggers in unemployment compensation programs, and

(2) the feasibility of determining whether individuals filing claims for unemployment compensation are structurally unemployed.

INCREASE IN TITLE XX FUNDING

SEC. 204. Section 2003(c) of the Social Security Act is amended— 42 USC 1397b.

(1) by adding "and" at the end of paragraph (2); and

(2) by striking out paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(3) $2,700,000,000 for the fiscal year 1984 and each succeeding fiscal year.".

DIRECT REPAYMENT OF GENERAL REVENUE ADVANCES

SEC. 205. (a) Section 1203 of the Social Security Act is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: "Amounts appropriated as repayable advances shall be repaid, without interest, by transfers from the Federal unemployment account to the general fund of the Treasury, at such times as the amount in the Federal unemployment account is determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, to be adequate for such purpose. Any amount transferred as a repayment under this section shall be credited against, and shall operate to reduce, any balance of advances repayable under this section.". 42 USC 1323.

(b) Any amounts transferred from the Federal unemployment account to the employment security administration account as of September 30, 1983, shall be transferred back to the Federal unemployment account. 42 USC 1323 note.

ARRANGEMENTS TO PREVENT PAYMENTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TO RETIREES AND PRISONERS

SEC. 206. (a) The Secretary of Labor, the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and the Attorney General are directed to enter into arrangements to make available to the States, computer or other data regarding current and retired Federal employees and Federal prisoners so that States may review the eligibility of these individuals for unemployment compensation, and take action where appropriate. 26 USC 3304 note.

(b) The Secretary of Labor shall report to the Congress, prior to January 31, 1984, on arrangements which have been entered into under subsection (a), and any arrangements which could be entered into with other appropriate State agencies, for the purpose of ensuring that unemployment compensation is not paid to retired individuals or prisoners in violation of law. The report shall include any recommendations for further legislation which might be necessary to aid in preventing such payments. Report to Congress.

MAUREEN AND MIKE MANSFIELD FOUNDATION

Financial assistance.

SEC. 207. (a) The Secretary of Education is authorized to provide financial assistance in accordance with the provisions of this section to the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation to assist in the development of the Mansfield Center for Pacific Affairs and the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana.

(b) No financial assistance provided under this section may be made except upon an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary of Education may require.

Appropriation authorization.

(c) There are authorized to be appropriated such sums, not to exceed $5,000,000, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.

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