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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. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. ARRINGTON, and Mr. REED) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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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 2020”.

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

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

1 (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
2 graph (3); and

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(2) BACK-TO-WORK BONUSES.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any agreement under
7 this section may also provide that the State
8 agency of the State may make not more than
9 2 weekly payments each in the amount of \$600
10 to each individual who—

11 “(i) was eligible for Federal Pandemic
12 Unemployment Compensation under para-
13 graph (1) for any week beginning after the
14 date of enactment of the Reopening Amer-
15 ica by Supporting Workers and Businesses
16 Act of 2020; and

17 “(ii) is no longer so eligible (as deter-
18 mined by the State), as a result of earn-
19 ings due to commencing employment, for
20 the week immediately following such week.

21 “(B) DURATION.—Payments to an indi-
22 vidual under this paragraph shall begin with
23 the week described in subparagraph (A)(ii) and
24 shall end with the earlier of—

1 “(i) the week following the week de-
2 scribed in subparagraph (A)(ii); or

3 “(ii) the last week with respect to
4 which such agreement applies.

5 “(C) OPTION TO PROVIDE PAYMENTS AS A
6 LUMP SUM.—At the option of the State, pay-
7 ments to an individual under this paragraph for
8 weeks described in subparagraph (B) may be
9 paid as a lump sum of \$1,200.

10 “(D) SPECIAL RULE.—Payments made
11 pursuant to an agreement under this paragraph
12 shall not be considered to violate the withdrawal
13 requirements of section 303(a)(5) of the Social
14 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 503(a)(5)) or section
15 3304(a)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of
16 1986.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 2104 of
18 such Act is amended—

19 (1) by inserting “and payments under sub-
20 section (b)(2)” after “Federal Pandemic Unemploy-
21 ment Compensation” each place it appears in sub-
22 section (d) or (f) of such section; and

23 (2) in subsection (g), by inserting “, as such
24 provisions apply with respect to Federal Pandemic

1 Unemployment Compensation,” after “the preceding
2 provisions of this section”.

3 **SEC. 3. RETURN TO WORK REPORTING.**

4 Subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES Act
5 (Public Law 116–136) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 **“SEC. 2117. RETURN TO WORK REPORTING.**

8 “Each State participating in an agreement under any
9 of the preceding sections of this subtitle shall have in ef-
10 fect a procedure to address any circumstances in which,
11 during any period during which such agreement is in ef-
12 fect, claimants of unemployment compensation refuse to
13 return to work or to accept an offer of suitable work with-
14 out good cause. Such procedures shall include the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(1) A reporting mechanism for employers,
17 such as through a phone line, email, or online portal,
18 to notify the State agency when an individual re-
19 fuses an offer of employment.

20 “(2) A plain-language notice provided to such
21 claimants about State return to work laws, rights to
22 refuse to return to work or to refuse suitable work,
23 and information on contesting the denial of a claim
24 that has been denied due to a report by an employer

1 that the claimant refused to return to work or re-
2 fused suitable work.”.

3 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS FOR GOVERNMENTAL**
4 **ENTITIES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.**

5 Section 903(i)(1) of the Social Security Act, as added
6 by section 2103 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136),
7 is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “during
9 the applicable period” and inserting “with respect to
10 the applicable period”;

11 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “section
12 3309(a)(1)” and inserting “section 3309(a)”; and

13 (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking “shall be
14 used exclusively” and all that follows through the
15 end and inserting “shall be used exclusively to re-
16 duce the amounts required to be paid in lieu of con-
17 tributions into the State unemployment fund pursu-
18 ant to such section by governmental entities and
19 other organizations described in section 3309(a) of
20 such Code”.

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