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To amend the CARES Act to terminate unemployment insurance benefit payments under such Act and to rescind unobligated balances of amounts appropriated for the purpose of such payments, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Mr. HUSTED (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Clawing back Lapsed
5 Obligations from State Emergency programs Act” or the
6 “CLOSE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESCISSION OF CARES UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR-**
 2 **ANCE FUNDS.**

3 (a) PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.—

4 (1) TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE PAY-
 5 MENTS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 2102 of the
 7 CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9021) is amended by
 8 adding at the end the following:

9 “(i) TERMINATION.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)
 11 and notwithstanding any other provision of this sec-
 12 tion, beginning on the 30th day after the date of en-
 13 actment of this subsection, this section (except sub-
 14 sections (d)(4) and paragraphs (2) and (3) of sub-
 15 section (g)) shall have no force or effect. The Sec-
 16 retary may not make payments under subsection
 17 (f)(2)(A) after such date.

18 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Notwith-
 19 standing paragraph (1), the Secretary may continue
 20 to pay to States the amounts described in subsection
 21 (f)(2)(B).”.

22 (2) RESCISSION.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The unobligated bal-
 24 ances of amounts in the extended unemploy-
 25 ment compensation account (as established by
 26 section 905(a) of the Social Security Act (42

U.S.C. 1105(a))) of the Unemployment Trust Fund (as established by section 904(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1104(a))) that were appropriated pursuant to section 2102(g)(1) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9021(g)(1)) are hereby rescinded.

(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subparagraph (A) shall take effect on the date that is 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION AND MIXED EARNER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.—

(1) TERMINATION OF EMERGENCY INCREASE IN BENEFITS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9023) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(j) TERMINATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2) and notwithstanding any other provision of this section, beginning on the 30th day after the date of enactment of this subsection, this section (other than subsections (f) and (h) and paragraphs (1)(A)(ii), (1)(B), (2), and (3) of subsection (d)) shall have no

1 force or effect. The Secretary may not make pay-
 2 ments under subsection (d)(1)(A)(i) after such date.

3 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Notwith-
 4 standing paragraph (1), the Secretary may continue
 5 to pay to States the amounts described in subsection
 6 (d)(1)(A)(ii).”.

7 (2) PROHIBITION ON AGREEMENTS.—Section
 8 2104(a) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9023(a)) is
 9 amended by adding at the end the following: “No
 10 State may enter or reenter an agreement under this
 11 section on or after the date of enactment of this sen-
 12 tence.”.

13 (3) RESCISSION.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The unobligated bal-
 15 ances of amounts appropriated under para-
 16 graph (3) of subsection (d) of section 2104 of
 17 the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9023) for the pur-
 18 poses of carrying out paragraph (1)(A)(i) of
 19 such subsection are hereby rescinded.

20 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subparagraph (A)
 21 shall take effect on the date that is 30 days
 22 after the date of enactment of this Act.

23 (c) PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COM-
 24 PENSATION.—

1 (1) REPEAL.—Subsections (c) and (d)(1) of
2 section 2107 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9025)
3 are hereby repealed.

4 (2) RESCISSION.—The unobligated balances of
5 amounts in the extended unemployment compensa-
6 tion account (as established by section 905(a) of the
7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1105(a))) of the Un-
8 employment Trust Fund (as established by section
9 904(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1104(a))) that were
10 appropriated pursuant to section 2107(d)(1) of the
11 CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9025(d)(1)) are hereby re-
12 scinded.

13 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection and the
14 amendments made by this subsection shall take ef-
15 fect on the date that is 30 days after the date of en-
16 actment of this Act.

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