

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE BILL NO. 67

BY SENATOR REESE

ECONOMIC DEVELOP DEPT. Authorizes the Department of Economic Development to provide an extension for certain job creation requirements for enterprise zone incentives and quality jobs incentive rebates due to the impacts of COVID-19 and Hurricane Laura. (gov sig) (Items #26 and #65)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 51:1787(B)(5)(f) and 2455(I), relative to economic development incentives;
3 to provide for an extension for job creation requirements for enterprise zone
4 incentives; to provide for an extension for the rebate filing period for quality jobs
5 incentive rebates; to provide for notification requirements; to provide for
6 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 51:1787(B)(5)(f) and 2455(I) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1787. Enterprise zone incentives

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11 B. The board may enter into the contracts provided in Subsection A of this
12 Section provided that:

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14 (5)

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16 (f) Due to the impacts of COVID-19 and Hurricane Laura, the
17 Department of Economic Development shall provide an option to companies

The original instrument was prepared by Curry J. Lann. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Beth O'Quin.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for enterprise zone incentives and requires that companies meet certain job creation requirements.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Economic Development to provide an option to companies with an active agreement to extend the time period for the creation of new jobs for an additional 12 months due to the impacts of COVID-19 and Hurricane Laura.

Proposed law requires companies to notify the department of their preference in writing prior to the original certification due date, but not later than December 31, 2021.

Present law provides for quality jobs incentive rebates and requires that an employer applying for rebates meet certain job creation requirements.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Economic Development to provide an option to employers with an active agreement to extend the third annual rebate filing period for an additional 12 months due to the impacts of COVID-19 and Hurricane Laura.

Proposed law requires employers to notify the department of their preference in writing prior to the original certification due date, but not later than December 31, 2021.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial actions.

(Adds R.S. 51:1787(B)(5)(f) and 2455(I))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by SenateCommittee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds deadline to submit notification to the department to extend program requirements.
2. Provides the extension is for the third annual filing period of the quality jobs incentive rebates program.