
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2020 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 846 by Representative Wright

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "(ix)" and before the comma "," insert "and 3122"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "limitations;" and before "and" insert the following:

"to establish a payroll incentive for certain businesses impacted by certain public health emergencies; to provide for the amount of the incentive; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for requirements and limitations;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, after "(ix)" and before "are" insert "and 3122"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, after line 11, insert the following:

"§3122. Competitive Projects Payroll Incentive Program for COVID-19-Impacted Businesses

A. For purposes of this Section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Benefit rate" shall mean the rate for new jobs created by a COVID-19-impacted business that pay at least the federal minimum wage. The benefit rate for eligible businesses shall be six percent of the wages for each new job.

(2) "COVID-19-impacted business" means any business that satisfies all of the following criteria:

(a) The business is registered to do business in the state of Louisiana.

(b) The business is assigned a North American Industry Classification Code of 44, 45, or 72.

(c) The business had a physical and active operation in Louisiana on March 13, 2020.

(d) The business filed its advance notification on or before December 31, 2021, and included a project start date. Advance notifications for a COVID-19-impacted business may include a project start date that precedes the advance notification filing date, but the project start date shall not be before March 13, 2020, nor shall it be after December 31, 2021.

(3) "New jobs" shall mean employment with a COVID-19-impacted business where each employee satisfies all of the following criteria:

(a) The employee is employed by the COVID-19-impacted business at its place of operation.

1 (b) The employee is a Louisiana resident.

2 (c) The employee's hire or rehire date is on or after May 15, 2020.

3 (d) The employee is paid, as a base wage, at least the federal minimum wage
4 excluding tips, bonuses, and commissions.

5 B. There is hereby established a rebate for any eligible COVID-19-impacted
6 business that meets the requirements of this Section. The amount of the rebate shall
7 be based on the benefit rate for each new job. In order to qualify for the rebate, the
8 COVID-19-impacted business shall create a minimum of five new jobs between May
9 15, 2020, and December 31, 2021, and shall create a minimum new annual payroll
10 from new jobs of at least forty thousand dollars before December 31, 2021. In order
11 to determine the number of new jobs eligible for the rebate established pursuant to the
12 provisions of this Section, the applicant's employment baseline shall be the total
13 number of active full-time and part-time employees at the COVID-19-impacted
14 business's place of operation that are Louisiana residents on May 14, 2020. The term
15 of COVID-19-impacted business contracts shall not exceed a term of five-years."