#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to Original House Bill No. 610 by Representative Lyons

1	AMENDMENT NO. 1

- 2 On page 1, line 2, after "and (F)" and before "and" insert the following: a comma "," and "to
- 3 enact R.S. 23:1475,"

## 4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

- 5 On page 1, line 5, after "amount;" and before "and" insert the following:
- "to create a back-to-work enhancement program; to require employment verification; to provide for eligibility and requirements to participate in the back-to-work bonus program; to provide for a qualifying period; to require the Louisiana Workforce Commission and Department of Treasury to administer the program; to
- Workforce Commission and Department of Treasury to administer the program; to
- provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations;"

### 11 AMENDMENT NO. 3

- On page 1, line 8, after "reenacted" and before "to" insert the following: " and R.S. 23:1475
- is hereby enacted"

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#### 14 AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

# 16 <u>§1475. Back-to-work enhancement program</u> 17 A. The Louisiana Workforce Commis

- A. The Louisiana Workforce Commission may make a one-time lump sum payment to each individual who was eligible to receive Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation and who meets all of the following requirements:
- (1) The individual was eligible for Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation for any week beginning after the date of enactment of this Act.
- (2) The individual is no longer eligible, as determined by the Louisiana Workforce Commission, to receive Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation as a result of earnings due to being employed.
- (3) The individual was verified by his employer pursuant to Subsection E of this Section.
- (4) The individual is employed for wages equivalent to an annual salary of not more than seventy-five thousand dollars and he remains employed with an intent to continue such employment.
  - (5) The employee has not previously received a return to work incentive pursuant to this Section.
- B.(1) A payment made to an individual pursuant to this Section shall be paid in a lump sum amount of one thousand dollars, if the individual, on average, has worked at least thirty hours or more in a week during the qualifying period.
- (2) A payment made to an individual pursuant to this Section shall be paid in a lump sum amount of five hundred dollars, if the individual, on average, has worked at least ten hours or more per week, but not more than twenty hours in a week, during the qualifying period.
- C. For the purpose of this Section, the term "qualifying period" means, with respect to an individual, a period beginning on the date the individual commenced employment and extending at least twenty-four consecutive weeks from such date.
- D. No lump sum payment may be made to any individual pursuant to this
  Section with respect to a qualifying period beginning on or after July 1, 2021.

1	E. Before making a lump sum payment to an individual pursuant to this
2	Section, the Louisiana Workforce Commission shall require verification from the
3	individual's employer all of the following:
4	(1) The individual's employment status.
5	(2) The wages paid to the individual during the qualifying period.
6	(3) The hours the individual worked during the qualifying period.
7	F.(1) The Louisiana Workforce Commission may not provide more than one
8	payment pursuant to this Section to an individual.
9	(2) The Louisiana Workforce Commission may not provide unemployment
10	benefits to a qualifying individual for a period of twenty-six weeks following
11	acceptance of a back-to-work incentive.
12	G. The Louisiana Department of Treasury shall administer the program and
13	distribute the funds from the state's unemployment trust fund in conjunction with the
14	Louisiana Workforce Commission.
15	H. The Louisiana Department of Treasury and the Louisiana Workforce
16	Commission, respectively, shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the
17	implementation of this Section.
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