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# H. R. 2188

To provide relief to workers impacted by COVID–19 and support for reopening businesses, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY (for himself, Mr. HERN, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. ESTES, Mr. NUNES, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, and Mr. SMUCKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To provide relief to workers impacted by COVID–19 and support for reopening businesses, and for other purposes.

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 2021”.

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

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

4 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-  
5 graph (5); and

6 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “(4) BACK-TO-WORK BONUSES.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any agreement under  
10 this section may also provide that the State  
11 agency of the State may make a one-time lump  
12 sum payment to each individual who—

13 “(i) was eligible for Federal Pandemic  
14 Unemployment Compensation under para-  
15 graph (1) for any week beginning after the  
16 date of enactment of the Reopening Amer-  
17 ica by Supporting Workers and Businesses  
18 Act of 2021;

19 “(ii) is no longer so eligible (as deter-  
20 mined by the State), as a result of earn-  
21 ings due to commencing employment; and

22 “(iii) as verified by the individual’s  
23 employer pursuant to subparagraph (E)—

24 “(I) has been employed by a non-  
25 governmental employer throughout  
26 the individual’s qualifying period;

1                   “(II) is employed for wages  
2                   equivalent to an annual salary of not  
3                   more than \$75,000; and

4                   “(III) remains employed with an  
5                   intent to continue such employment.

6                   “(B) AMOUNT.—A payment made to an  
7                   individual under this paragraph shall be paid in  
8                   a lump sum amount of—

9                   “(i) \$1,200 in the case of an indi-  
10                  vidual who on average is working at least  
11                  30 hours or more per week during the  
12                  qualifying period; or

13                  “(ii) \$600 in the case of an individual  
14                  who on average is working at least 20  
15                  hours or more per week, but less than 30  
16                  hours, during the qualifying period.

17                  “(C) QUALIFYING PERIOD.—For purposes  
18                  of this paragraph, the term ‘qualifying period’  
19                  means, with respect to an individual, a period—

20                  “(i) beginning on the date the indi-  
21                  vidual commenced employment as de-  
22                  scribed in subparagraph (A)(ii); and

23                  “(ii) extending at least 4 consecutive  
24                  weeks from such date.

1           “(D) DURATION.—No lump sum payment  
2           may be made to any individual under this para-  
3           graph with respect to a qualifying period begin-  
4           ning on or after July 1, 2021.

5           “(E) EMPLOYER VERIFICATION.—Before  
6           making a lump sum payment to an individual  
7           pursuant to this paragraph, a State agency  
8           shall require verification from the individual’s  
9           employer—

10                  “(i) of the individual’s employment  
11                  status;

12                  “(ii) of the wages paid to the indi-  
13                  vidual during the qualifying period; and

14                  “(iii) of the hours worked by the indi-  
15                  vidual during the qualifying period.

16           “(F) LIMITATION.—A State may not pro-  
17           vide more than one payment under this para-  
18           graph to an individual.

19           “(G) SPECIAL RULE.—Payments made  
20           pursuant to an agreement under this paragraph  
21           shall not be considered to violate the withdrawal  
22           requirements of section 303(a)(5) of the Social  
23           Security Act (42 U.S.C. 503(a)(5)) or section  
24           3304(a)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
25           1986.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 2104 of  
2 such Act is amended—

3 (1) in subsections (d) and (f), by inserting “,  
4 payments under subsection (b)(4),” after “Federal  
5 Pandemic Unemployment Compensation” each place  
6 it appears; and

7 (2) in subsection (g)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at  
9 the end;

10 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-  
11 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(3) the purposes of the preceding provisions of  
14 this section, as such provisions apply with respect to  
15 payments under subsection (b)(4), shall be applied  
16 with respect to unemployment benefits described in  
17 subsection (i)(2) to the same extent and in the same  
18 manner as if those benefits were regular compensa-  
19 tion.”.

20 **SEC. 3. ACCELERATED FUNDING INCREASE FOR REEM-**  
21 **PLOYMENT SERVICES AND ELIGIBILITY AS-**  
22 **SESSMENTS.**

23 Section 314(g)(1)(D) of the Congressional Budget  
24 Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 645(g)(1)(D)) is amended by—

1 (1) in clause (i), by striking “\$133,000,000”  
2 and inserting “\$433,000,000”; and  
3 (2) in clause (ii), by striking “\$258,000,000”  
4 and inserting “\$433,000,000”.

5 **SEC. 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES.**

6 (a) CARES ACT.—

7 (1) PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.—

8 Section 2102 of the Cares Act (Public Law 116–  
9 136) is amended by adding at the end the following:  
10 “(i) ELIGIBILITY FOR REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES.—  
11 Pandemic unemployment assistance under this section  
12 shall be treated as unemployment compensation for the  
13 purposes of section 306 of the Social Security Act (42  
14 U.S.C. 506).”.

15 (2) PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT  
16 COMPENSATION.—Section 2107 of the Cares Act  
17 (Public Law 116–136) is amended by adding at the  
18 end the following:

19 “(h) ELIGIBILITY FOR REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES.—  
20 Pandemic emergency unemployment compensation under  
21 this section shall be treated as unemployment compensa-  
22 tion for the purposes of section 306 of the Social Security  
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 506).”.

24 (b) SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Section 306(a) of the  
25 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 506(a)) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “individuals referred to reem-  
2       ployment services as described in section 303(j)”  
3       and inserting “claimants for unemployment com-  
4       pensation, including claimants referred to reemploy-  
5       ment services as described in section 303(j),”; and  
6           (2) by striking “such individuals” and inserting  
7       “such claimants”.

8       **SEC. 5. REINSTATING FEDERAL WORK SEARCH REQUIRE-**  
9                               **MENT.**

10       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4102(b) of the Families  
11       First Coronavirus Relief Act (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is  
12       amended by striking “work search,” after “with respect  
13       to”.

14       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made under  
15       subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 30 days  
16       after the date of enactment of this Act.

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