

116TH CONGRESS
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To provide for an extension of the Federal Pandemic Unemployment
Compensation program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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Unemployment Compensation program.

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 “Coronavirus Relief
5 Fair Unemployment Compensation Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF THE FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEM-**
7 **PLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM.**

8 (a) EXTENSION.—Section 2104(e)(2) of the Relief
9 for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (contained in
10 subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES Act (Pub-

1 lie Law 116–136)) is amended by striking “July 31,
2 2020” and inserting “December 31, 2020”.

3 (b) IMPROVEMENTS TO ACCURACY OF PAYMENTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(b) of the Re-
5 lief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (con-
6 tained in subtitle A of title II of division A of the
7 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)) is amended—

8 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “of
9 \$600” and inserting “equal to the amount spec-
10 ified in paragraph (3)”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(3) AMOUNT OF FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEM-
14 PLOYMENT COMPENSATION.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount specified
16 in this paragraph is the following amount with
17 respect to an individual:

18 “(i) For weeks of unemployment be-
19 ginning after the date on which an agree-
20 ment is entered into under this section and
21 ending on or before July 31, 2020, \$600.

22 “(ii) For weeks of unemployment be-
23 ginning after the last week under clause (i)
24 and ending before December 31, 2020, an

1 amount equal to one of the following, as
2 determined by the State for all individuals:

3 “(I) \$200.

4 “(II) An amount (not to exceed
5 \$500) equal to—

6 “(aa) two-thirds of the indi-
7 vidual’s average weekly wages;
8 minus

9 “(bb) the individual’s base
10 amount (determined prior to any
11 reductions or offsets).

12 “(B) BASE AMOUNT.—For purposes of this
13 paragraph, the term ‘base amount’ means, with
14 respect to an individual, an amount equal to—

15 “(i) for weeks of unemployment under
16 the pandemic unemployment assistance
17 program under section 2102, the amount
18 determined under subsection (d)(1)(A)(i)
19 or (d)(2) of such section 2102, as applica-
20 ble; or

21 “(ii) for all other weeks of unemploy-
22 ment, the amount determined under para-
23 graph (1)(A) of this subsection.

24 “(C) AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
2 (ii), for purposes of this paragraph, the
3 term ‘average weekly wages’ means, with
4 respect to an individual, the following:

5 “(I) If the State computes the in-
6 dividual weekly unemployment com-
7 pensation benefit amount based on an
8 individual’s average weekly wages in a
9 base period, an amount equal to the
10 individual’s average weekly wages
11 used in such computation.

12 “(II) If the State computes the
13 individual weekly unemployment com-
14 pensation benefit amount based on
15 high quarter wages or a formula using
16 wages across some but not all quar-
17 ters in a base period, an amount equal
18 to $\frac{1}{13}$ of such high quarter wages or
19 average wages of the applicable quar-
20 ters used in the computation for the
21 individual.

22 “(III) If the State uses computa-
23 tions other than the computations
24 under subclause (I) or (II) for the in-
25 dividual weekly unemployment com-

1 pensation benefit amount, or for com-
2 putations of the weekly benefit
3 amount under the pandemic unem-
4 ployment assistance program under
5 section 2102, as described in sub-
6 section (d)(1)(A)(i) or (d)(2) of such
7 section 2102, for which subclause (I)
8 or (II) do not apply, an amount equal
9 to $\frac{1}{52}$ of the sum of all base period
10 wages.

11 “(ii) SPECIAL RULE.—If more than
12 one of the methods of computation under
13 subclauses (I), (II), and (III) of clause (i)
14 are applicable to a State, then such term
15 shall mean the amount determined under
16 the applicable subclause of clause (i) that
17 results in the highest amount of average
18 weekly wages.”.

19 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

20 (A) PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSIST-
21 ANCE.—Section 2102(d) of the Relief for Work-
22 ers Affected by Coronavirus Act (contained in
23 subtitle A of title II of division A of the
24 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)) is amended
25 by inserting “with respect to the individual”

1 after “section 2104” in each of paragraphs
2 (1)(A)(ii) and (2).

3 (B) PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOY-
4 MENT COMPENSATION.—Section 2107 of the
5 Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act
6 (contained in subtitle A of title II of division A
7 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)) is
8 amended—

9 (i) in subsection (a)(4)(A)(ii), by in-
10 sserting “with respect to the individual”
11 after “section 2104”; and

12 (ii) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting
13 “with respect to the individual” after “sec-
14 tion 2104”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
17 ment of the Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus
18 Act (contained in subtitle A of title II of division A of
19 the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)).

20 (d) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amounts provided by
22 this section and the amendments made by this sec-
23 tion are designated as an emergency requirement
24 pursuant to section 4(g) of the Statutory Pay-As-
25 You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

1 (2) DESIGNATION IN SENATE.—In the Senate,
2 this section and the amendments made by this sec-
3 tion are designated as an emergency requirement
4 pursuant to section 4112(a) of H. Con. Res. 71
5 (115th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the
6 budget for fiscal year 2018.