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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2103

TO CREATE AN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT
CREATE A JOB AND HIRE A PERSON RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO
FILL THAT JOB AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2103

Amend House Bill No. 2103 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 11, Chapter 10, Subchapter 7 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

11-10-724. Credit against contributions.

(a) There is allowed a credit for employers against the unemployment contributions required under § 11-10-702 for each employment position:

(1) Created on or after July 1, 2011; and

(2) Filled by a person who, at the time of the person's hire:

(A) Is receiving unemployment benefits;

(B) Has been receiving unemployment benefits for at least eight (8) consecutive weeks; and

(C) Has not been employed by the employer for any length of time during the previous two (2) years.

(b) The credit provided in subsection (a) of this section shall be allowed in the following amounts:

(1) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) when the person has been employed by the employer for one (1) full quarter;

(2) An additional two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) when the person has been employed by the employer for two (2) full quarters;

(3) An additional two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) when the person has been employed by the employer for a total of three (3) full quarters; and

(4) An additional two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) when the person has been employed by the employer for a total of one (1) year.

(c) The following employers are not eligible for the credit under this section:

(1) Employers that owe a debt to the Department of Workforce Services; and

(2) Employers that have a deficit rating.



SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. (a) By August 1, 2011, the Director of the Department of Workforce Services shall seek a determination from the United States Secretary of Labor as to whether § 11-10-724 complies with federal law.

(b) If the secretary determines that § 11-10-724 complies with federal law, then the director shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

(c) If the secretary determines that § 11-10-724 does not comply with federal law, then the director shall seek a waiver from the secretary that will permit the implementation of this section and establish the credit upon the granting of the waiver.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that Arkansas has a high percentage of unemployed residents; that encouraging the creation of jobs would decrease the unemployment rate in Arkansas; that the ideal time to make changes to the unemployment laws is at the beginning of a calendar quarter; and that this act is necessary to encourage the creation of jobs and the hiring of unemployed persons. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2011."

The Amendment was read _____
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