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LCO No. 5203



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT EXTENDING CONNECTICUT PREMIUM PAY TO CERTAIN ESSENTIAL WORKERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 31-901 of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

4 (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) "Eligible applicant" means any person who (A) (i) worked during
6 the entire period of the public health and civil preparedness emergency
7 declared by the Governor on March 10, 2020, or any extension of such
8 declaration, up until May 7, 2022, and (ii) was in a category
9 recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's
10 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, as of February 20,
11 2021, to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in phase 1a, [or] 1b or 1c of the
12 COVID-19 vaccination program, (B) is not a federal, state or municipal
13 employee, (C) was not employed in a capacity where the employee
14 worked or could have worked from home, and (D) meets the income
15 criteria established in subsection (b) of this section;

16 (2) "Administrator" means an employee of the office of the
17 Comptroller, or a third-party administrator;

18 (3) "Full-time" means any eligible applicant who worked thirty hours
19 or more per week;

20 (4) "Part-time" means any eligible applicant who worked less than
21 thirty hours per week; [and]

22 (5) "Premium pay" means moneys payable by the Comptroller from
23 the Connecticut Premium Pay program, established pursuant to
24 subsection (b) of this section, to recognize and compensate eligible
25 applicants for their service pursuant to this section; and

26 (6) "1c applicant" means any person recommended by the Centers for
27 Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on
28 Immunization Practices, as of February 20, 2021, to receive a COVID-19
29 vaccination in phase 1c of the COVID-19 program.

30 (b) (1) There is established the Connecticut Premium Pay program.
31 The program shall provide payment to each full-time eligible applicant
32 that applied prior to or on October 1, 2022, according to the following
33 formula: (A) One thousand dollars to each worker whose individual
34 income was less than fifty thousand dollars; (B) eight hundred dollars
35 to each worker whose individual income was greater than or equal to
36 fifty thousand dollars and less than sixty thousand dollars; (C) seven
37 hundred fifty dollars to each worker whose individual income was
38 greater than or equal to sixty thousand dollars and less than seventy
39 thousand dollars; (D) five hundred dollars to each worker whose
40 individual income was greater than or equal to seventy thousand
41 dollars and less than eighty thousand dollars; (E) two hundred fifty
42 dollars to each worker whose individual income was greater than or
43 equal to eighty thousand dollars and less than ninety thousand dollars;
44 (F) two hundred dollars to each worker whose individual income was
45 greater than or equal to ninety thousand dollars and less than one
46 hundred thousand dollars; and (G) one hundred dollars to each worker
47 whose individual income was greater than or equal to one hundred

48 thousand dollars and less than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
49 No payment shall be made to any full-time eligible applicant whose
50 income is one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more. The program
51 shall provide two hundred dollars to each part-time eligible applicant.
52 No assistance shall be paid to any eligible applicant after June 30, [2024]
53 2025. The program shall be administered by the office of the
54 Comptroller, or a third party under contract with said office to act as an
55 administrator.

56 (2) The administrator shall accept applications for assistance on and
57 after May 7, 2022. For the purposes of this section, the administrator
58 shall be authorized to: (A) Determine whether an eligible applicant
59 meets the requirements for eligibility for compensation under this
60 section; (B) summon and examine under oath such witnesses who may
61 provide information relevant to the eligibility of an eligible applicant;
62 (C) direct the production of, and examine or cause to be produced or
63 examined, such books, records, vouchers, memoranda, documents,
64 letters, contracts or other papers in relation to any matter at issue as the
65 administrator may find proper; and (D) take or cause to be taken
66 affidavits or depositions within or without the state.

67 Sec. 2. Section 31-901 of the general statutes is amended by adding
68 subsection (l) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

69 (NEW) (l) On and after July 1, 2023, a 1c applicant shall be deemed an
70 eligible applicant and may apply for compensation from the
71 Connecticut Premium Pay program by submitting a claim to the
72 administrator, in such form and manner as required by the
73 administrator, not later than December 1, 2023. Any such claim shall
74 include: (1) Proof of employment as an eligible applicant from March
75 10, 2020, to May 7, 2022, as determined by the 1c applicant's proof of
76 earnings; and (2) any additional information as requested or required
77 by the administrator. A 1c applicant may submit, as proof of
78 employment, official payroll records or another form of proof,
79 including, but not limited to, a letter from an employer stating the 1c
80 applicant's dates of work, or a declaration from an individual with

81 personal knowledge of the 1c applicant's employment. Each 1c
82 applicant shall be eligible for payment in accordance with the formula
83 established for payment to eligible applicants in subsection (b) of this
84 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	31-901(a) and (b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	31-901(l)

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the Connecticut Premium Pay program to certain essential workers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]