



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6860

January Session, 2023



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2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof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
7 emergency declared by the Governor on March 10, 2020, or any
8 extension of such declaration, up until May 7, 2022, and (ii) was in a
9 category recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and
10 Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, as of
11 February 20, 2021, to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in phase 1a, [or]
12 1b or 1c of the COVID-19 vaccination program, (B) is not a federal,
13 state or municipal employee, (C) was not employed in a capacity
14 where the employee worked or could have worked from home, and
15 (D) meets the income criteria established in subsection (b) of this
16 section;

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

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

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

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

27 (6) "1c applicant" means any person who (A) (i) worked during the
28 entire period of the public health and civil preparedness emergency
29 declared by the Governor on March 10, 2020, or any extension of such
30 declaration, up until May 7, 2022, and (ii) was in a category
31 recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's
32 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, as of February 20,
33 2021, to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in phase 1c of the COVID-19
34 program, (B) is not a federal, state or municipal employee, (C) was not
35 employed in a capacity where the employee worked or could have
36 worked from home, and (D) meets the income criteria established in
37 subsection (b) of this section.

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

51 equal to eighty thousand dollars and less than ninety thousand dollars;
52 (F) two hundred dollars to each worker whose individual income was
53 greater than or equal to ninety thousand dollars and less than one
54 hundred thousand dollars; and (G) one hundred dollars to each
55 worker whose individual income was greater than or equal to one
56 hundred thousand dollars and less than one hundred and fifty
57 thousand dollars. No payment shall be made to any full-time eligible
58 applicant whose income is one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more.
59 The program shall provide two hundred dollars to each part-time
60 eligible applicant. No assistance shall be paid to any eligible applicant
61 after June 30, [2024] 2025. The program shall be administered by the
62 office of the Comptroller, or a third party under contract with said
63 office to act as an administrator.

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

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

77 (NEW) (l) On and after July 1, 2023, a 1c applicant shall be deemed
78 an eligible applicant and may apply for compensation from the
79 Connecticut Premium Pay program by submitting a claim to the
80 administrator, in such form and manner as required by the
81 administrator, not later than December 1, 2023. Any such claim shall
82 include: (1) Proof of employment as an eligible applicant from March
83 10, 2020, to May 7, 2022, as determined by the 1c applicant's proof of

84 earnings; and (2) any additional information as requested or required
85 by the administrator. A 1c applicant may submit, as proof of
86 employment, official payroll records or another form of proof,
87 including, but not limited to, a letter from an employer stating the 1c
88 applicant's dates of work, or a declaration from an individual with
89 personal knowledge of the 1c applicant's employment. Each 1c
90 applicant shall be eligible for payment in accordance with the formula
91 established for payment to eligible applicants in subsection (b) of this
92 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)

LAB *Joint Favorable Subst.*