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S. 1712

To amend subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES Act to require confirmation of employment status for long-term unemployed individuals, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19, 2021

Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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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. CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENT.**

4 Subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES Act
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 2119. CONFIRMATION OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR**
2 **LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of each of the
4 agreements described in sections 2104 and 2107, a State
5 shall—

6 “(1) notify each long-term unemployed indi-
7 vidual in the State that the State unemployment
8 agency will seek confirmation of the individual’s cur-
9 rent employment status from the individual’s most
10 recent employer (except in cases in which such em-
11 ployer no longer exists);

12 “(2) request each employer described in para-
13 graph (1) to submit information to the State unem-
14 ployment agency with respect to each such individual
15 describing whether—

16 “(A) the individual’s position is not avail-
17 able at the time of the request; or

18 “(B) the individual’s position is available
19 but the individual has refused to return to
20 work;

21 “(3) in any case in which an employer submits
22 information to the State unemployment agency with
23 respect to an individual that describes a position
24 that remains unavailable as described in paragraph
25 (1), notify such individual, not later than the stand-
26 ard processing time for applications for regular un-

1 employment compensation in the State after receipt
2 of such information, that the individual's unem-
3 ployed status has been confirmed; and

4 “(4) in any case in which an employer submits
5 information to the State unemployment agency with
6 respect to an individual that describes a refusal to
7 return to work as described in paragraph (2)(B), or
8 in any case in which an employer fails to submit in-
9 formation described in paragraph (2) not later than
10 the standard processing time for applications for
11 regular unemployment compensation in the State
12 after the date of the request, terminate the individ-
13 ual's Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensa-
14 tion under section 2104 or Pandemic Emergency
15 Unemployment Compensation under section 2107,
16 as applicable.

17 “(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘long-
18 term unemployed individual’ means an individual who has
19 received Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation
20 under section 2104 or Pandemic Emergency Unemploy-
21 ment Compensation under section 2107 for more than 30
22 weeks of unemployment.”.

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