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Abstract: Establishes the Louisiana work opportunity income tax credit for certain business that hire re-entrants participating in work release programs.

Proposed law authorizes an income tax credit for businesses that hire participants in work release programs provided for in present law (R.S. 15:711, 1111, 1199.9, and 1199.10).

Proposed law defines "eligible business" as any business that is subject to Louisiana income tax and participates in any of the work release programs provided for in present law.

Proposed law defines "eligible re-entrant" as an inmate eligible for participation in a work release program provided for in present law.

Proposed law defines "eligible job" as:

- (1) A new job.
- (2) An existing job that has been vacant for at least one year.
- (3) An existing job that is vacant because the person who previously filled the job left voluntarily or was terminated for cause.

Proposed law provides the credit is earned upon certification that the re-entrant has been employed by the eligible business in an eligible job for 12 consecutive months. Provides that the credit may be earned only once for each eligible re-entrant.

Proposed law provides that the amount of the credit shall be 50% of the wages paid to the eligible re-entrant for employment in an eligible job during the specified time period. Further provides that the credit amount shall be no more than \$20,000 per eligible business in a calendar year.

Proposed law is applicable to tax years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2022.

Effective Jan. 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 47:287.750)