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SENATE BILL NO. 142

BY SENATOR MORRELL

TAX/TAXATION. Authorizes an additional five percent motion picture investor tax credit for the payroll of people employed who are listed on a Movie Industry Student Registry. (1/1/16)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6007(C)(1)(c)(ii) and (D)(5), relative to motion picture
3	investor tax credits; to authorize an additional motion picture investor tax credit for
4	the payroll of people employed who are listed on a Movie Industry Student Registry;
5	to provide for the creation and maintenance of such registry; and to provide for
6	related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 47:6007(C)(1)(c)(ii) and (D)(5) are hereby amended and reenacted
9	to read as follows:
10	§6007. Motion picture investor tax credit
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12	C. Investor tax credit; specific productions and projects.
13	(1) There is hereby authorized a tax credit against state income tax for
14	Louisiana taxpayers for investment in state-certified productions. The tax credit shall
15	be earned by investors at the time expenditures are made by a motion picture
16	production company in a state-certified production. However, credits cannot be
17	applied against a tax or transferred until the expenditures are certified by the office

1	and the secretary. For state-certified productions, expenditures shall be certified no
2	more than twice during the duration of a state-certified production unless the motion
3	picture production company agrees to reimburse the office for the costs of any
4	additional certifications. The tax credit shall be calculated as a percentage of the total
5	base investment dollars certified per project.
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7	(c) For state-certified productions approved by the office and the secretary
8	on or after July 1, 2009:
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10	(ii)(aa) To the extent that base investment is expended on payroll for
11	Louisiana residents or people listed on a Movie Industry Student Registry
12	employed in connection with a state-certified production, each investor shall be
13	allowed an additional tax credit of five percent of such payroll; provided that the
14	payroll of a resident who is a student shall only be counted once for purposes of
15	this Item. However, if the payroll to any one person exceeds one million dollars, this
16	additional credit shall exclude any salary for that person that exceeds one million
17	dollars.
18	(bb) The office shall maintain a list of individuals to be known as the
19	Movie Industry Student Registry. Each institution of postsecondary education
20	in the state may submit to be listed on the registry the name of any individual,
21	if the individual is in good standing at the institution or has matriculated from
22	the institution and if the institution determines the individual has qualifications
23	that would make that individual a suitable prospect for employment in a
24	state-certified production.
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26	D. Certification and administration.
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28	(5) A motion picture production company applying for the additional credit
29	for the employment of Louisiana residents must or people listed on a Movie

Industry Student Registry shall remit a schedule to the Department of Revenue, in a machine-sensible format approved by the secretary of the Department of Revenue, that includes the following information: the names of all persons who received salary, wages, or other compensation for services performed in Louisiana in connection with the state-certified production, and the address, taxpayer identification number, permanent address of, and the amount of compensation for services performed in Louisiana received by each such person.

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Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to productions certified for motion picture investor tax credits on and after January 1, 2016.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2016.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Riley Boudreaux.

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<u>Present law</u> allows an extra motion picture investor tax credit (in addition to the 30% credit) of 5% on payroll for Louisiana residents employed in connection with a state-certified production.

<u>Proposed law</u> also allows an extra credit of 5% on payroll for people who are listed on a "Movie Industry Student Registry" provided that the payroll of a resident who is a student can only be counted once.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the office of entertainment industry development of the Department of Economic Development to maintain a "Movie Industry Student Registry". Authorizes each institution of postsecondary education in the state to submit to be listed on the registry the name of any individual who is in good standing at the institution or who has matriculated from the institution, and who has qualifications which would make the individual a suitable prospect for employment in a state-certified production as determined by the institution.

Applicable to productions certified for tax credits on and after January 1, 2016.

Effective January 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 47:6007(C)(1)(c)(ii) and (D)(5))