HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2016 First Extraordinary Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 71 by Representative Barras

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 3 4	On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" and before "relative" delete "R.S. $51:1787(A)(2)(a)$ and $(B)(3)(b)$," and insert "R.S. $51:1787(A)(3)$ and $(B)(3)(c)$ and (5) and to enact R.S. $51:1787(A)(1)(c)$ and $(B)(3)(d)$,"
5	AMENDMENT NO. 2
6 7	On page 1, at the end of line 3, insert "provide for computation of average annual employment; to"
8	AMENDMENT NO. 3
9 10 11	On page 1, line 7, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 51:1787(A)(3) and (B)(3)(c) and (5) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 51:1787(A)(1)(c) and (B)(3)(d) are hereby enacted"
12	AMENDMENT NO. 4
13 14	On page 1, delete lines 14 through 19 in their entirety, delete page 2 in its entirety and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 8 in their entirety and insert the following:
15	"(1) For either:
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17 18 19 20	(c)(i) For projects for which the advance notification is filed on or after April 1, 2016, the amount of the rebate of sales and use taxes and the investment income tax credit granted pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall not exceed the sum of the following:
21 22	(aa) One hundred thousand dollars per net new job created under this Chapter.
23 24 25 26 27	(bb) One thousand dollars per full-time job retained by the business enterprise that existed prior to the effective date of the contract. A business shall retain an existing full-time job for a minimum of three years after the effective date of the contract to be eligible to receive the benefit authorized by this Subitem.
28 29 30 31 32	(ii) A business shall not receive any sales and use tax rebate or refundable investment income tax credit until it has provided all documentation, including filing the annual certification report as required by rule, and has shown proof of the creation of the net new jobs or retention for a minimum of three years of an existing full-time job.
33 34 35 36 37	(iii) For purposes of determining the maximum rebate or income tax credit allowed, each net new job and each retained full-time job shall only be counted once. The limitation provided for in this Subparagraph shall only apply to the sales and use tax rebates and refundable investment income tax credits granted to businesses participating in the Enterprise Zone Program.
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1 2	(3) The tax credit provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection shall be applicable <u>as follows:</u>
3	(a) For projects for which an advance notification was filed before April 1,
4	2016, only to a position within the state that did not previously exist in the business
5	enterprise and that is filled by a person who is a citizen of the United States and who
6	is domiciled in Louisiana, or who is a citizen of the United States and becomes
7	domiciled in Louisiana within sixty days after his employment in such position,
8	performing duties in connection with the operation of the business enterprise as a
9	regular, full-time employee.
10	(b) For projects for which an advance notification was filed on or after April
11	1, 2016, only to a position within the state that is in excess of the median statewide
12	number of employees of the business, including affiliates, that did not previously
13	exist in the business enterprise prior to the contract effective date and that is filled
14	by a person who is a citizen of the United States and who is domiciled in Louisiana,
15	or who is a citizen of the United States and becomes domiciled in Louisiana within
16	sixty days after his employment in such position, performing duties in connection
17	with the operation of the business enterprise as a regular, full-time employee.
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19	(c) The total number of credits allowed to a business enterprise for
20	employees who are citizens of the United States and who become domiciled in
21	Louisiana within sixty days after employment shall not exceed fifty percent of the
22	total number of credits allowed to the business enterprise under the contract.
23	B. The board may enter into the contracts provided in Subsection A of this
24	Section provided that:
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26	(3)
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28	(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a business
29	that is assigned a North American Industry Classification Code of 5613 or 721, and
30	whose advance notification is not filed before April 1, 2016, shall be ineligible to
31	receive benefits pursuant to the provisions of this Section.
32	(d) The certifications required by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall
33	be updated annually if the business is to continue receiving the benefits of this
34	Chapter.
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36	(5)(a) Except as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the business
37	creates a either:
38	(i) A minimum of the lesser of five net new permanent jobs to be in place
39	within the first two years of the contract period, as determined by the company's
40	average annual employment reported under the Louisiana Employment Security
41	Law.
42	(ii) The number of net new jobs equal to a minimum of ten percent of the
43	existing employees, minimum of one, within the first year of the contract period, as
44	determined by the company's average annual employment reported under the
45	Louisiana Employment Security Law

1	(b) For purposes of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the methodology for
2	determining a company's average annual employment shall be established by
3	department rule.
4	(c) A business which has an estimated construction period for its building
5	greater than two years may, for good cause shown, obtain an extension of not more
6	than two years to comply with the requirements of Subparagraph (a) of this
7	Paragraph.
8	(c)(d) Provided the business entering the contract provided in Subsection A
9	of this Section is a nonprofit organization organized to finance the development and
10	construction of buildings and infrastructure to serve a public institution of higher
11	education, the new permanent jobs required in Subparagraph (B)(6)(a) (B)(5)(a) of
12	this Section may be created by the public institution of higher education.
13	(d) (e) The provisions of this Section shall be applicable to all contracts
14	entered into under the provisions of Subsection A after January 1, 2002.
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