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Layoff Prevention Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 12, 2020
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 12, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 15, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 12, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8213	Identical bill	Sep 11, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
116 HR 6379	Related bill	Mar 23, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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This bill provides 100% of temporary federal financing of limited short-time compensation (STC) payments in states with existing or new STC programs. (STC, also known as work sharing, is a program within the federal-state unemployment system that provides pro-rated unemployment compensation to workers whose hours have been reduced in lieu of a layoff.)

Certain states without an STC program may enter into an agreement with the Department of Labor under which Labor will temporarily finance 50% of the state's STC payments. If such a state subsequently enacts a state law implementing a STC program that meets federal requirements it shall be ineligible for such 50% financing, but shall be eligible for the 100% financing. Federal financing of STC payments is limited to 260 weeks.

Labor must

- award grants to states that enact STC programs to implement or improve administration of such programs and promote and enroll employers in STC programs;
- develop and provide model legislative language for states to develop and enact STC programs, including periodically reviewing and revising such language;
- provide technical assistance and guidance in developing, enacting, and implementing STC programs; and
- establish certain STC reporting requirements.

Actions Timeline

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