

S.352

An act relating to making certain amendments to the Front-Line Employees Hazard Pay Grant Program

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 3, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 14, by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) ~~Once the Department has determined how the appropriation set forth in this section shall be distributed, but not later than August 18, 2020, it shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare regarding how the funds are to be distributed across programs~~ Appropriations made pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section shall not occur until all allowable expenses for the purposes set forth in subdivisions (a)(1)(A), (C), and (D) of this section are allocated.

Second: In Sec. 3, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 14, by striking out subdivision (a)(1)(B) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(B) a prospective workforce stabilization program for staff employed at Department-regulated family child care homes, center-based child care and preschool programs, and afterschool programs that are not otherwise serving as school-age child care hubs for risks associated with elevated exposure to COVID-19;

Third: In Sec. 1, 2020 Act and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 6, in subdivision (b)(2)(A), by striking out subdivisions (xiv) and (xv) and inserting in lieu thereof subdivisions (xiv) through (xvi) to read as follows:

(xiv) a traveling nurse agency or other business whose employees provide temporary or contract nursing services to or on behalf of a covered employer listed in subdivisions (i)–(v) and (vii)–(x) of this subdivision (b)(2)(A), provided that such an employer shall only be permitted to receive a grant to provide hazard pay to its eligible employees who provided nursing services to a covered employer listed in subdivisions (i)–(v) and (vii)–(x) of this subdivision (b)(2)(A) during the eligible period;

(xv) a cleaning or janitorial service that provides cleaning or janitorial services to a covered employer listed in subdivisions (i)–(v) and (vii)–(x) of this subdivision (b)(2)(A) in locations that are open to the general public or regularly used by the residents or patients of that covered employer, provided that such an employer shall only be permitted to receive a grant to provide hazard pay to its eligible employees who provided cleaning or janitorial services to another covered employer during the eligible period; or

(xvi) a food service provider that prepares and provides meals for residents or patients of a covered employer listed in subdivisions (i)–(v) and (vii)–(x) of this subdivision (b)(2)(A), provided that such an employer shall only be permitted to receive a grant to provide hazard pay to its eligible

employees who provided food services to the residents or patients of a covered employer during the eligible period.

Fourth: In Sec. 1, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 6, by striking out subdivision (b)(4)(A)(iv) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (b)(4)(A)(iv) to read as follows:

(iv) except in the case of employees of home health agencies and nursing homes, ~~earns~~ employees of an employer described in subdivision (2)(A)(xiv) of this subsection (b) that provides nursing services to or on behalf of a home health agency or nursing home, and resident physicians and dentists employed by an employer described in subdivision (2)(A)(v), earned an hourly base wage of \$25.00 or less during the eligible period;

Fifth: In Sec. 1, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 6, by striking out subdivision (c)(3) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (c)(3) to read as follows:

(3) An eligible employee may elect not to receive hazard pay funded by a grant provided pursuant to the Program by providing notice to his or her employer pursuant to procedures adopted by the employer.

Sixth: In Sec. 1, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 6, in subdivision (c)(7), in the first sentence, by striking out the word “may” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “shall”

Seventh: In Sec. 1, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 6, by striking out subdivision (j)(1)(B) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (j)(1)(B) to read as follows:

(B) The notice sent to each potentially eligible employee pursuant to this subdivision (1) shall inform the individual that he or she is not required to apply for a grant.

Eighth: In Sec. 2, hazard pay; identification of former employees, in the first sentence, following the words “shall send notice to the covered employer” by striking out the words “that it may identify” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “requesting that it identify”