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# H. R. 3266

To amend subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES Act to require confirmation of employment status for long-term unemployed individuals, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. ARRINGTON, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. PERRY, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. ROY, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, and Mr. MANN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To amend subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES Act to require confirmation of employment status for long-term unemployed individuals, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Jump-Start the Econ-  
5 omy with Jobs Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENT.**

2 Subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES Act  
3 is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 **“SEC. 2119. CONFIRMATION OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR**  
5 **LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of each of the  
7 agreements described in sections 2104 and 2107, a State  
8 shall—

9 “(1) notify each long-term unemployed indi-  
10 vidual in the State that the State unemployment  
11 agency will seek confirmation of the individual’s cur-  
12 rent employment status from the individual’s most  
13 recent employer (except in cases in which such em-  
14 ployer no longer exists);

15 “(2) request each employer described in para-  
16 graph (1) to submit information to the State unem-  
17 ployment agency with respect to each such individual  
18 describing whether—

19 “(A) the individual’s position is not avail-  
20 able at the time of the request; or

21 “(B) the individual’s position is available  
22 but the individual has refused to return to  
23 work;

24 “(3) in any case in which an employer submits  
25 information to the State unemployment agency with  
26 respect to an individual that describes a position

1 that remains unavailable as described in paragraph  
2 (1), notify such individual, not later than the stand-  
3 ard processing time for applications for regular un-  
4 employment compensation in the State after receipt  
5 of such information, that the individual’s unem-  
6 ployed status has been confirmed; and

7 “(4) in any case in which an employer submits  
8 information to the State unemployment agency with  
9 respect to an individual that describes a refusal to  
10 return to work as described in paragraph (2)(B), or  
11 in any case in which an employer fails to submit in-  
12 formation described in paragraph (2) not later than  
13 the standard processing time for applications for  
14 regular unemployment compensation in the State  
15 after the date of the request, terminate the individ-  
16 ual’s Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensa-  
17 tion under section 2104 or Pandemic Emergency  
18 Unemployment Compensation under section 2107,  
19 as applicable.

20 “(b) DEFINITION.—The term ‘long-term unemployed  
21 individual’ means an individual who has received Federal  
22 Pandemic Unemployment Compensation under section  
23 2104 or Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensa-

1 tion under section 2107 for more than 30 weeks of unem-  
2 ployment.”.

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