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To amend the CARES Act to terminate unemployment insurance benefit payments under such Act and to rescind unobligated balances of amounts appropriated for the purpose of such payments, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Mr. MILLER of Ohio (for himself, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. BALDERSON, and Mr. CAREY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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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 “Clawing back Lapsed
5 Obligations from State Emergency programs Act” or the
6 “CLOSE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESCISSION OF CARES UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR-**
2 **ANCE FUNDS.**

3 (a) PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.—

4 (1) TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE PAY-
5 MENTS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 2102 of the
7 CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9021) is amended by
8 adding at the end the following:

9 “(i) TERMINATION.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)
11 and notwithstanding any other provision of this sec-
12 tion, beginning on the 30th day after the date of en-
13 actment of this subsection, this section (except sub-
14 sections (d)(4) and paragraphs (2) and (3) of sub-
15 section (g)) shall have no force or effect. The Sec-
16 retary may not make payments under subsection
17 (f)(2)(A) after such date.

18 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Notwith-
19 standing paragraph (1), the Secretary may continue
20 to pay to States the amounts described in subsection
21 (f)(2)(B).”.

22 (2) RESCISSION.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The unobligated bal-
24 ances of amounts in the extended unemploy-
25 ment compensation account (as established by
26 section 905(a) of the Social Security Act (42

1 U.S.C. 1105(a)) of the Unemployment Trust
2 Fund (as established by section 904(a) of such
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 1104(a)) that were appropriated
4 pursuant to section 2102(g)(1) of the CARES
5 Act (15 U.S.C. 9021(g)(1)) are hereby re-
6 scinded.

7 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subparagraph (A)
8 shall take effect on the date that is 30 days
9 after the date of enactment of this Act.

10 (b) FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COM-
11 PENSATION AND MIXED EARNER UNEMPLOYMENT COM-
12 PENSATION.—

13 (1) TERMINATION OF EMERGENCY INCREASE IN
14 BENEFITS.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104 of the
16 CARES ACT (15 U.S.C. 9023) is amended by
17 adding at the end the following:

18 “(j) TERMINATION.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)
20 and notwithstanding any other provision of this sec-
21 tion, beginning on the 30th day after the date of en-
22 actment of this subsection, this section (other than
23 subsections (f) and (h) and paragraphs (1)(A)(ii),
24 (1)(B), (2), and (3) of subsection (d)) shall have no

1 force or effect. The Secretary may not make pay-
2 ments under subsection (d)(1)(A)(i) after such date.

3 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Notwith-
4 standing paragraph (1), the Secretary may continue
5 to pay to States the amounts described in subsection
6 (d)(1)(A)(ii).”.

7 (2) PROHIBITION ON AGREEMENTS.—Section
8 2104(a) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9023(a)) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following: “No
10 State may enter or reenter an agreement under this
11 section on or after the date of enactment of this sen-
12 tence.”

13 (3) RESCISSION.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The unobligated bal-
15 ances of amounts appropriated under para-
16 graph (3) of subsection (d) of section 2104 of
17 the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9023) for the pur-
18 poses of carrying out paragraph (1)(A)(i) of
19 such subsection are hereby rescinded.

20 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subparagraph (A)
21 shall take effect on the date that is 30 days
22 after the date of enactment of this Act.

23 (c) PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COM-
24 PENSATION.—

1 (1) REPEAL.—Subsections (c) and (d)(1) of
2 section 2107 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9025)
3 are hereby repealed.

4 (2) RESCISSION.—The unobligated balances of
5 amounts in the extended unemployment compensa-
6 tion account (as established by section 905(a) of the
7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1105(a)) of the Un-
8 employment Trust Fund (as established by section
9 904(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1104(a)) that were
10 appropriated pursuant to section 2107(d)(1) of the
11 CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9025(d)(1)) are hereby re-
12 scinded.

13 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection and the
14 amendments made by this subsection shall take ef-
15 fect on the date that is 30 days after the date of en-
16 actment of this Act.

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