



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB1479

by Rep. Tony McCombie

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 5/704A

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that an employer may enter into an agreement with a community college in the State to establish a project. Provides that the term "project" means a program established by the community college to provide certain job training services. Provides that the employer is entitled to a credit against withholding tax payments in an amount equal to 1.5% of the wages paid by the employer to a participating employee during the first year of the employee's participation in the program. Provides that the employer shall remit the amount of the credit to the community college. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by
5 changing Section 704A as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 5/704A)

7 Sec. 704A. Employer's return and payment of tax withheld.

8 (a) In general, every employer who deducts and withholds or
9 is required to deduct and withhold tax under this Act on or
10 after January 1, 2008 shall make those payments and returns as
11 provided in this Section.

12 (b) Returns. Every employer shall, in the form and manner
13 required by the Department, make returns with respect to taxes
14 withheld or required to be withheld under this Article 7 for
15 each quarter beginning on or after January 1, 2008, on or
16 before the last day of the first month following the close of
17 that quarter.

18 (c) Payments. With respect to amounts withheld or required
19 to be withheld on or after January 1, 2008:

20 (1) Semi-weekly payments. For each calendar year, each
21 employer who withheld or was required to withhold more than
22 \$12,000 during the one-year period ending on June 30 of the
23 immediately preceding calendar year, payment must be made:

1 (A) on or before each Friday of the calendar year,
2 for taxes withheld or required to be withheld on the
3 immediately preceding Saturday, Sunday, Monday, or
4 Tuesday;

5 (B) on or before each Wednesday of the calendar
6 year, for taxes withheld or required to be withheld on
7 the immediately preceding Wednesday, Thursday, or
8 Friday.

9 Beginning with calendar year 2011, payments made under
10 this paragraph (1) of subsection (c) must be made by
11 electronic funds transfer.

12 (2) Semi-weekly payments. Any employer who withholds
13 or is required to withhold more than \$12,000 in any quarter
14 of a calendar year is required to make payments on the
15 dates set forth under item (1) of this subsection (c) for
16 each remaining quarter of that calendar year and for the
17 subsequent calendar year.

18 (3) Monthly payments. Each employer, other than an
19 employer described in items (1) or (2) of this subsection,
20 shall pay to the Department, on or before the 15th day of
21 each month the taxes withheld or required to be withheld
22 during the immediately preceding month.

23 (4) Payments with returns. Each employer shall pay to
24 the Department, on or before the due date for each return
25 required to be filed under this Section, any tax withheld
26 or required to be withheld during the period for which the

1 return is due and not previously paid to the Department.

2 (d) Regulatory authority. The Department may, by rule:

3 (1) Permit employers, in lieu of the requirements of
4 subsections (b) and (c), to file annual returns due on or
5 before January 31 of the year for taxes withheld or
6 required to be withheld during the previous calendar year
7 and, if the aggregate amounts required to be withheld by
8 the employer under this Article 7 (other than amounts
9 required to be withheld under Section 709.5) do not exceed
10 \$1,000 for the previous calendar year, to pay the taxes
11 required to be shown on each such return no later than the
12 due date for such return.

13 (2) Provide that any payment required to be made under
14 subsection (c) (1) or (c) (2) is deemed to be timely to the
15 extent paid by electronic funds transfer on or before the
16 due date for deposit of federal income taxes withheld from,
17 or federal employment taxes due with respect to, the wages
18 from which the Illinois taxes were withheld.

19 (3) Designate one or more depositories to which payment
20 of taxes required to be withheld under this Article 7 must
21 be paid by some or all employers.

22 (4) Increase the threshold dollar amounts at which
23 employers are required to make semi-weekly payments under
24 subsection (c) (1) or (c) (2).

25 (e) Annual return and payment. Every employer who deducts
26 and withholds or is required to deduct and withhold tax from a

1 person engaged in domestic service employment, as that term is
2 defined in Section 3510 of the Internal Revenue Code, may
3 comply with the requirements of this Section with respect to
4 such employees by filing an annual return and paying the taxes
5 required to be deducted and withheld on or before the 15th day
6 of the fourth month following the close of the employer's
7 taxable year. The Department may allow the employer's return to
8 be submitted with the employer's individual income tax return
9 or to be submitted with a return due from the employer under
10 Section 1400.2 of the Unemployment Insurance Act.

11 (f) Magnetic media and electronic filing. With respect to
12 taxes withheld in calendar years prior to 2017, any W-2 Form
13 that, under the Internal Revenue Code and regulations
14 promulgated thereunder, is required to be submitted to the
15 Internal Revenue Service on magnetic media or electronically
16 must also be submitted to the Department on magnetic media or
17 electronically for Illinois purposes, if required by the
18 Department.

19 With respect to taxes withheld in 2017 and subsequent
20 calendar years, the Department may, by rule, require that any
21 return (including any amended return) under this Section and
22 any W-2 Form that is required to be submitted to the Department
23 must be submitted on magnetic media or electronically.

24 The due date for submitting W-2 Forms shall be as
25 prescribed by the Department by rule.

26 (g) For amounts deducted or withheld after December 31,

1 2009, a taxpayer who makes an election under subsection (f) of
2 Section 5-15 of the Economic Development for a Growing Economy
3 Tax Credit Act for a taxable year shall be allowed a credit
4 against payments due under this Section for amounts withheld
5 during the first calendar year beginning after the end of that
6 taxable year equal to the amount of the credit for the
7 incremental income tax attributable to full-time employees of
8 the taxpayer awarded to the taxpayer by the Department of
9 Commerce and Economic Opportunity under the Economic
10 Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act for the
11 taxable year and credits not previously claimed and allowed to
12 be carried forward under Section 211(4) of this Act as provided
13 in subsection (f) of Section 5-15 of the Economic Development
14 for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act. The credit or credits may
15 not reduce the taxpayer's obligation for any payment due under
16 this Section to less than zero. If the amount of the credit or
17 credits exceeds the total payments due under this Section with
18 respect to amounts withheld during the calendar year, the
19 excess may be carried forward and applied against the
20 taxpayer's liability under this Section in the succeeding
21 calendar years as allowed to be carried forward under paragraph
22 (4) of Section 211 of this Act. The credit or credits shall be
23 applied to the earliest year for which there is a tax
24 liability. If there are credits from more than one taxable year
25 that are available to offset a liability, the earlier credit
26 shall be applied first. Each employer who deducts and withholds

1 or is required to deduct and withhold tax under this Act and
2 who retains income tax withholdings under subsection (f) of
3 Section 5-15 of the Economic Development for a Growing Economy
4 Tax Credit Act must make a return with respect to such taxes
5 and retained amounts in the form and manner that the
6 Department, by rule, requires and pay to the Department or to a
7 depository designated by the Department those withheld taxes
8 not retained by the taxpayer. For purposes of this subsection
9 (g), the term taxpayer shall include taxpayer and members of
10 the taxpayer's unitary business group as defined under
11 paragraph (27) of subsection (a) of Section 1501 of this Act.
12 This Section is exempt from the provisions of Section 250 of
13 this Act. No credit awarded under the Economic Development for
14 a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act for agreements entered into on
15 or after January 1, 2015 may be credited against payments due
16 under this Section.

17 (h) An employer may claim a credit against payments due
18 under this Section for amounts withheld during the first
19 calendar year ending after the date on which a tax credit
20 certificate was issued under Section 35 of the Small Business
21 Job Creation Tax Credit Act. The credit shall be equal to the
22 amount shown on the certificate, but may not reduce the
23 taxpayer's obligation for any payment due under this Section to
24 less than zero. If the amount of the credit exceeds the total
25 payments due under this Section with respect to amounts
26 withheld during the calendar year, the excess may be carried

1 forward and applied against the taxpayer's liability under this
2 Section in the 5 succeeding calendar years. The credit shall be
3 applied to the earliest year for which there is a tax
4 liability. If there are credits from more than one calendar
5 year that are available to offset a liability, the earlier
6 credit shall be applied first. This Section is exempt from the
7 provisions of Section 250 of this Act.

8 (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on and
9 after January 1, 2020, an employer may enter into an agreement
10 with a community college in the State to establish a project.
11 Such an agreement shall not take effect unless it is approved
12 by the Department under this subsection (i). During the term of
13 the agreement, the employer is entitled to a credit against
14 payments due under this Section in an amount equal to 1.5% of
15 the wages paid by the employer to a participating employee
16 during the first year of the employee's participation in the
17 program. The employer shall remit the amount of the credit in
18 the same manner as withholding payments are reported to the
19 Department, to the community college to be allocated to and,
20 when collected, paid into a special fund of the community
21 college to pay the costs associated with financing the project.

22 As used in this subsection (i):

23 "New job" means a job in manufacturing, processing,
24 assembling, warehousing, wholesaling, or research and
25 development, but does not include jobs of recalled workers, or
26 replacement jobs or other jobs that formerly existed in the

1 industry in the State.

2 "Participating employee" means an individual who: (i)
3 resides in the State; (ii) is first hired by the employer on or
4 after the effective date of the agreement to fill a new job;
5 and (iii) is enrolled in the program established in connection
6 with a project.

7 "Project" means a program established by the community
8 college to provide services including, but not limited to, the
9 following:

10 (1) new jobs training;

11 (2) adult basic education and job-related instruction;

12 and

13 (3) career and technical skill-assessment services and
14 testing.

15 (Source: P.A. 100-303, eff. 8-24-17; 100-511, eff. 9-18-17;
16 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.