

1 (C) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “June 9,
2 2012” and inserting “June 8, 2013”.

3 (2) Section 2005 of the Assistance for Unemployed
4 Workers and Struggling Families Act, as contained in
5 Public Law 111–5 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note; 123 Stat. 444),
6 is amended—

7 (A) by striking “January 4, 2012” each place
8 it appears and inserting “January 4, 2013”; and

9 (B) in subsection (c), by striking “June 11,
10 2012” and inserting “June 11, 2013”.

11 (3) Section 5 of the Unemployment Compensation
12 Extension Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–449; 26 U.S.C.
13 3304 note) is amended by striking “June 10, 2012” and
14 inserting “June 10, 2013”.

15 (b) FUNDING.—Section 4004(e)(1) of the Supple-
16 mental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–252;
17 26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended—

18 (1) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at
19 the end; and

20 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(H) the amendments made by section
23 2121(a)(1) of the Emergency Unemployment
24 Compensation Extension Act of 2011; and”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
3 ment of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reau-
4 thorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 (Public Law
5 111–312).

6 **SEC. 2122. MODIFICATION OF INDICATORS UNDER THE EX-**
7 **TENDED BENEFIT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) EXTENSION.—Section 203 of the Federal-State
9 Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26
10 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (d), by striking “December
12 31, 2011” and inserting “December 31, 2012”; and

13 (2) in subsection (f)(2), by striking “December
14 31, 2011” and inserting “December 31, 2012”.

15 (b) INDICATOR.—Section 203(d) of the Federal-State
16 Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26
17 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended by adding at the end the
18 following: “Effective with respect to compensation for
19 weeks of unemployment beginning on or after January 1,
20 2012 (or, if later, the date established pursuant to State
21 law) and ending on or before December 31, 2012, the
22 State may by statute, regulation, or other issuance having
23 the force and effect of law provide that the determination
24 of whether there has been a State ‘on’ or ‘off’ indicator
25 beginning or ending any extended benefit period shall be

1 made under this subsection, disregarding subparagraph
2 (A) of paragraph (1) and disregarding ‘either subpara-
3 graph (A) or’ in paragraph (2).’.

4 (c) ALTERNATIVE TRIGGER.—Section 203(f) of the
5 Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act
6 of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
8 graph (4); and

9 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(3) Effective with respect to compensation for weeks
12 of unemployment beginning on or after January 1, 2012
13 (or, if later, the date established pursuant to State law)
14 and ending on or before December 31, 2012, the State
15 may by statute, regulation, or other issuance with the
16 force and effect of law provide that the determination of
17 whether there has been a State ‘on’ or ‘off’ indicator be-
18 ginning or ending any extended benefit period shall be
19 made under this subsection, disregarding clause (ii) of
20 paragraph (1)(A) and as if paragraph (1)(B) had been
21 amended by striking ‘either the requirements of clause (i)
22 or (ii)’ and inserting ‘the requirements of clause (i)’.”.

1 **SEC. 2123. ADDITIONAL EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENE-**
2 **FITS UNDER THE RAILROAD UNEMPLOY-**
3 **MENT INSURANCE ACT.**

4 (a) EXTENSION.—Section 2(c)(2)(D)(iii) of the Rail-
5 road Unemployment Insurance Act, as added by section
6 2006 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
7 2009 (Public Law 111–5) and as amended by section 9
8 of the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance
9 Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–92) and section 505 of the
10 Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization,
11 and Job Creation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–312), is
12 amended—

13 (1) by striking “June 30, 2011” and inserting
14 “June 30, 2012”; and

15 (2) by striking “December 31, 2011” and in-
16 sserting “December 31, 2012”.

17 (b) CLARIFICATION ON AUTHORITY TO USE
18 FUNDS.—Funds appropriated under either the first or
19 second sentence of clause (iv) of section 2(c)(2)(D) of the
20 Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act shall be available
21 to cover the cost of additional extended unemployment
22 benefits provided under such section 2(c)(2)(D) by reason
23 of the amendments made by subsection (a) as well as to
24 cover the cost of such benefits provided under such section
25 2(c)(2)(D), as in effect on the day before the date of the
26 enactment of this Act.

1 **PART 2—STATE AND EMPLOYER ASSISTANCE**

2 **SEC. 2141. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR**
3 **STATES WITH ADVANCES.**

4 Section 1202(b)(10)(A) of the Social Security Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 1322(b)(10)(A)) is amended, in the matter be-
6 fore clause (i), by striking “2010—” and inserting “2010
7 and the 12-month period beginning on October 1, 2011—
8 ”.

9 **SEC. 2142. FUTA CREDIT REDUCTIONS FOR 2011 CONTIN-**
10 **MENT ON VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3302(c) of the Internal
12 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
14 graph (4), and

15 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
16 lowing new paragraph:

17 “(3)(A) If a State has entered into a voluntary
18 agreement under section 2143 of the Emergency
19 Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of
20 2011, the provisions of paragraph (2) shall be ap-
21 plied with respect to the taxable year beginning Jan-
22 uary 1, 2011, or any succeeding taxable year, by
23 deeming January 1, 2012, to be the first January 1
24 occurring after January 1, 2010. For purposes of
25 paragraph (2), consecutive taxable years in the pe-
26 riod commencing January 1, 2012, shall be deter-

1 Labor to enter into a voluntary agreement under this sec-
2 tion.

3 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—An application described in
4 subsection (b) shall be submitted within such time, and
5 in such form and manner, as the Secretary of Labor may
6 require, except that any such application shall include cer-
7 tification by the State that during the period of the agree-
8 ment—

9 (1) the method governing the computation of
10 regular compensation under the State law of the
11 State will not be modified in a manner such that the
12 average weekly benefit amount of regular compensa-
13 tion which will be payable during the period of the
14 agreement will be less than the average weekly ben-
15 efit amount of regular compensation which would
16 have otherwise been payable under the State law as
17 in effect on the date of the enactment of this sub-
18 section;

19 (2) the State law of the State will not be modi-
20 fied in a manner such that any unemployed indi-
21 vidual who would be eligible for regular compensa-
22 tion under the State law in effect on such date of
23 enactment would be ineligible for regular compensa-
24 tion during the period of the agreement or would be
25 subject to any disqualification during the period of

1 the agreement that the individual would not have
2 been subject to under the State law in effect on such
3 date of enactment; and

4 (3) the State law of the State will not be modi-
5 fied in a manner such that the maximum amount of
6 regular compensation that any unemployed indi-
7 vidual would be eligible to receive in a benefit year
8 during the period of the agreement will be less than
9 the maximum amount of regular compensation that
10 the individual would have been eligible to receive
11 during a benefit year under the State law in effect
12 on such date of enactment.

13 (d) DECISION.—The Secretary of Labor shall review
14 any application received from a State to enter into a vol-
15 untary agreement under this section and, within 30 days
16 after the date of receipt, approve or disapprove the appli-
17 cation and notify the Governor of the State of the Sec-
18 retary's decision, including—

19 (1) if approved, the effective date of the agree-
20 ment; and

21 (2) if disapproved, the reasons why it was dis-
22 approved.

23 (e) TERMINATION.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—If, after reasonable notice
25 and opportunity for a hearing, the Secretary of

1 Labor finds that a State with which the Secretary
2 has entered into an agreement under this section
3 has modified State law so that it no longer contains
4 the provisions specified in paragraph (1), (2), or (3)
5 of subsection (c) or has failed to comply substan-
6 tially with any of those provisions, the agreement
7 shall be terminated, effective as of such date as the
8 Secretary shall determine, but in no event later than
9 December 31, 2012.

10 (2) EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO REPAYABLE AD-
11 VANCES.—If an agreement under this section with a
12 State is terminated, then, effective as of the termi-
13 nation date of such agreement, paragraph (10) of
14 section 1202(b) of the Social Security Act shall, for
15 purposes of such State, be applied as if subpara-
16 graph (A) of such paragraph had been amended by
17 striking the date specified in such subparagraph (in
18 the matter before clause (i) thereof) and inserting
19 the termination date of such agreement.

20 (f) REGULATIONS.—Any regulations or guidance nec-
21 essary to carry out this part or any of the amendments
22 made by this part may be prescribed by—

23 (1) to the extent that they relate to section
24 2141, the Secretary of Labor; and

1 “(2) For purposes of this subsection, a State shall
2 be considered to be a ‘solvent State’ if the outstanding
3 balance for such State of advances under title XII is equal
4 to zero. A determination as to whether or not a State is
5 a solvent State shall be made by the Secretary of Labor—

6 “(A) for each State;

7 “(B) for each quarter to which this subsection
8 applies; and

9 “(C) based on such date or period (before the
10 1st day of such quarter), and otherwise in such
11 manner, as the Secretary of Labor shall determine
12 in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury.

13 “(3) This subsection applies to each quarter in cal-
14 endar year 2012.

15 “(4) Nothing in this subsection shall have the effect
16 of causing the amount which is credited under subsection
17 (e) to any account in the Fund for any quarter to be less
18 than the amount which (disregarding this subsection)
19 would otherwise have been so credited to such account for
20 such quarter.”.

21 **PART 3—URBAN YOUTH JOBS**

22 **SEC. 2161. SHORT TITLE.**

23 This part may be cited as the “Urban Jobs Act of
24 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2162. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) One-third of minority youth are unem-
4 ployed.

5 (2) The labor force participation rate for per-
6 sons without a high school diploma is 20 percentage
7 points lower than the labor force participation rate
8 for high school graduates.

9 (3) Nationally, approximately 70 percent of all
10 students graduate from high school, but African-
11 American and Hispanic students have a 55 percent
12 or less chance of graduating from high school.

13 (4) High school dropouts from the class of
14 2004 will cost the Nation more than \$325 billion in
15 lost wages, taxes, and productivity over their life-
16 times.

17 (5) Only 52 percent of students in the 50 larg-
18 est cities in the United States graduate from high
19 school. That rate is below the national high school
20 graduation rate of 70 percent, and also falls short
21 of the 60 percent average for urban districts across
22 the Nation.

23 (6) Over his or her lifetime, a high school drop-
24 out earns, on average, about \$260,000 less than a
25 high school graduate, and about \$1 million less than
26 a college graduate.

1 (7) Approximately 75 percent of State prison
2 inmates and 59 percent of Federal prison inmates
3 have not completed high school. Increasing the high
4 school completion rate by 1 percent for all men ages
5 20 to 60 would save the United States \$1.4 billion
6 annually in reduced costs associated with crime.

7 (8) According to a recent study, a 10-percent
8 increase in the male high school graduation rate
9 would reduce arrest rates for murder and assault by
10 about 20 percent, motor vehicle theft by 13 percent,
11 and arson by 8 percent.

12 (9) The National Urban League is a historic
13 civil rights organization dedicated to economic em-
14 powerment in order to elevate the standard of living
15 in historically underserved urban communities.
16 Founded in 1910 and headquartered in New York
17 City, the National Urban League spearheads the ef-
18 forts of its local affiliates through the development
19 of programs, public policy research, and advocacy.

20 (10) There are more than 100 local affiliates of
21 the National Urban League located in 36 States and
22 the District of Columbia, providing direct services
23 that impact and improve the lives of more than 2
24 million people nationwide. Local National Urban
25 League affiliates operate programs that focus on

1 education, job training and placement, housing, busi-
2 ness development, and many other important initia-
3 tives.

4 (11) The National Urban League has a history
5 of success in implementing national programs
6 through its local affiliate network. From 2007 to
7 2010, 27 local National Urban League affiliates
8 served at-risk young adults by providing job skills
9 training, community service opportunities, and em-
10 ployment for over 3,500 young adults ages 18 to 24.

11 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this part to pro-
12 vide adequate resources for the National Urban League
13 (acting through local National Urban League affiliates) to
14 reduce the disproportionate incarceration of minority
15 youth and to prepare eligible young adults for entry into
16 the world of work by providing a comprehensive set of
17 services that includes job training, education, and support
18 services.

19 **SEC. 2163. URBAN JOBS PROGRAM.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle D of title I of the Work-
21 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2911 et seq.)
22 is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating section 174 as section 175;

24 (2) in section 173, by striking “174” each place

25 it appears and inserting “175”; and

1 (3) by inserting after section 173A the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **“SEC. 174. URBAN JOBS PROGRAM.**

4 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor
6 may make grants to the National Urban League for
7 the purpose of operating an Urban Jobs Program
8 through local National Urban League affiliates.

9 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds from a grant
10 made under paragraph (1) shall be used by the Na-
11 tional Urban League to provide a comprehensive set
12 of services and activities for eligible young adults, to
13 be implemented by local National Urban League af-
14 filiates. Services and activities eligible for assistance
15 include the following:

16 “(A) Case management services to help
17 program participants effectively use the activi-
18 ties and services offered under the program.

19 “(B) Educational offerings, including skill
20 assessment, reading and math remediation,
21 educational enrichment, General Education De-
22 velopment credential preparation, and post-sec-
23 ondary education.

24 “(C) Employment and job readiness activi-
25 ties, including mentoring, placement in commu-

1 nity service opportunities, internships, on-the-
2 job training, occupational skills training, job
3 placement in unsubsidized jobs, and personal
4 development.

5 “(D) Support services, including health
6 and nutrition referral, housing assistance, train-
7 ing in interpersonal and basic living skills,
8 transportation, child care, clothing, and other
9 assistance as needed.

10 “(3) REPORT.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than May 1
12 of each fiscal year for which amounts are made
13 available to carry out this section, the Secretary
14 shall submit to Congress a report regarding—

15 “(i) the progress made under this sec-
16 tion by the National Urban League and
17 local National Urban League affiliates in
18 implementing the program; and

19 “(ii) the effectiveness of the program
20 in improving General Educational Develop-
21 ment credential attainment and job place-
22 ment in unsubsidized jobs for program
23 participants.

1 “(B) INAPPLICABILITY OF SECTION 172.—

2 The program shall not be subject to evaluations
3 required under section 172.

4 “(b) NATIONAL JOBS COUNCIL ADVISORY COM-
5 MITTEE.—

6 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
7 tablish a committee to be known as the National
8 Jobs Council Advisory Committee.

9 “(2) DUTIES.—The committee shall advise the
10 Secretary concerning—

11 “(A) the design and operation of the pro-
12 gram;

13 “(B) long-term strategic priorities for the
14 program; and

15 “(C) the formulation and application of
16 guidelines related to activities carried out under
17 the program.

18 “(3) MEMBERSHIP.—The committee shall be
19 comprised of 11 members, to be appointed by the
20 Secretary as follows:

21 “(A) Three individuals from the private
22 sector who are senior human resources or diver-
23 sity executives with national or regional respon-
24 sibilities and experience in oversight that in-

1 cludes hiring, employee training, or employee
2 relations.

3 “(B) Five representatives of employers in
4 high-impact, high-growth industries, as defined
5 by the Secretary.

6 “(C) One National Urban League Work-
7 force Development staff member.

8 “(D) Two representatives from the Depart-
9 ment of Labor.

10 “(c) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING LOCAL ADVI-
11 SORY COMMITTEES.—It is the sense of Congress that a
12 local National Urban League affiliate receiving funding
13 under this section should establish a local jobs council ad-
14 visory committee, the membership of which should include
15 representatives from not fewer than 5 employers from
16 high-growth industries in the locality, to aid in estab-
17 lishing support from the local community for and guiding
18 the local implementation of the program.

19 “(d) FUNDING.—

20 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
21 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
22 this section—

23 “(A) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

24 “(B) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2013;

25 “(C) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2014;

1 “(D) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2015;

2 and

3 “(E) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2016.

4 “(2) LIMITATION.—Not more than 2 percent of
5 funds appropriated for any fiscal year under para-
6 graph (1) may be used for expenses associated with
7 carrying out the requirements of subsection (b).

8 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) ELIGIBLE YOUNG ADULTS.—The term ‘eli-
10 gible young adults’ means individuals ages 18 to 24
11 who—

12 “(A) are not enrolled in secondary or post-
13 secondary school; or

14 “(B) are or have been subject to any stage
15 of the criminal justice process.

16 “(2) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’ means
17 the Urban Jobs Program established under sub-
18 section (a).

19 “(3) UNSUBSIDIZED JOB.—The term ‘unsub-
20 sidized job’ means employment for which the wages
21 are provided by an employer that does not receive
22 public funds for the creation and maintenance of the
23 employment position.”.

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
25 tents contained in section 1(b) of such Act is amended—

- 1 (1) by inserting a period at the end of the item
- 2 relating to section 173A; and
- 3 (2) by striking the item relating to section 174
- 4 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 174. Urban jobs program.

“Sec. 175. Authorization of appropriations.”.

