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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 THIRD EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 15

Introduced by Assembly Member Evans Krekorian
(Coauthor: Senator Florez)

January 5, 2009

~~An act relating to the Budget Act of 2008. An act to amend Sections 17039.2, 23036.2, 23101, 25120, and 25135 of, to amend, repeal, and add Section 25136 of, to add Sections 6902.5, 17053.85, 19136.8, 23685, and 25128.5 to, and to add and repeal Sections 17053.80 and 23623 of, the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 15, as amended, ~~Evans Krekorian. Budget Act of 2008.~~ Taxation: credits: apportionment: sales factor.

The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law authorize various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws.

This bill would authorize a credit against those taxes for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, in an amount equal to a specified percentage of the qualified expenditures, as defined, attributable to the production of a qualified motion picture in California, or, where the qualified motion picture has relocated to California or is an independent film, as provided. This bill would authorize the sale of credits, attributable to an independent film, to an unrelated party.

This bill would, until for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, in lieu of the credits authorized under the Personal Income

Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law for qualified motion pictures, allow a credit against qualified state sales and use taxes, as provided. This bill would impose specified duties on the California Film Commission, the Franchise Tax Board, and the State Board of Equalization, in administering the credits.

This bill would require the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to report to the Legislature regarding the economic impact of specified tax incentives created by the bill, as specified.

This bill would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and before January 1, 2011, authorize a credit, under both laws, in an amount equal to \$3,000, prorated as provided, for each full-time employee hired during the taxable year by a qualified employer, as defined.

The Corporation Tax Law imposes taxes measured by income and, in the case of a business with income derived from or attributable to sources both within and without this state, apportions the income between this state and other states and foreign countries in accordance with a specified 4-factor formula based on the property, payroll, and sales within and without this state, except that in the case of an apportioning trade or business that derives more than 50% of its gross business receipts from conducting one or more qualified business activities, as defined, business income is apportioned in accordance with a specified 3-factor formula.

This bill would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, allow a taxpayer to have that income apportioned in accordance with a single sales factor formula, except as provided.

The California Constitution authorizes the Governor to declare a fiscal emergency and to call the Legislature into special session for that purpose. The Governor issued a proclamation declaring a fiscal emergency, and calling a special session for this purpose, on December 19, 2008.

This bill would state that it addresses the fiscal emergency declared by the Governor by proclamation issued on December 19, 2008, pursuant to the California Constitution.

This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy.

~~*This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to make statutory changes relating to the Budget Act of 2008.*~~

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6902.5 is added to the Revenue and
2 Taxation Code, to read:
3 6902.5. (a) For the purposes of this section:
4 (1) “Qualified taxpayer” means a person who is a qualified
5 taxpayer within the meaning of paragraph (17) of subdivision (b)
6 of Section 17053.85 or 23685.
7 (2) “Affiliate” means a qualified taxpayer’s affiliated
8 corporation that has been assigned any portion of the credit
9 amount by the qualified taxpayer pursuant to subdivision (c) of
10 Section 23685.
11 (3) “Credit amount” means an amount equal to the tax credit
12 amount that would otherwise be allowed to a qualified taxpayer
13 pursuant to Section 17053.85 or 23685 but for the election made
14 pursuant to this section.
15 (4) “Production period” means the production period as defined
16 in paragraph (12) of subdivision (b) of Section 17053.85 or 23685.
17 (5) (A) “Qualified sales and use taxes” means any state sales
18 and use taxes imposed by Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001),
19 on the operative date of the act adding this section.
20 (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), “qualified sales and
21 use taxes” does not mean taxes imposed by Section 6051.2, 6051.5,
22 6201.2, 6201.5, Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200), Part
23 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251), or Section 35 of Article XIII
24 of the California Constitution.
25 (b) (1) A qualified taxpayer may, in lieu of claiming the credit
26 allowed by Section 17053.85 or 23685, make an irrevocable
27 election to apply the credit amount against qualified sales and use
28 taxes imposed on the qualified taxpayer in accordance with this
29 section.

1 (2) An affiliate may, in lieu of claiming the assigned portion of
2 the credit allowed by Section 23685, make an irrevocable election
3 to apply the assigned portion of the credit amount against qualified
4 sales and use taxes imposed on the affiliate in accordance with
5 this section.

6 (c) (1) A qualified taxpayer or affiliate shall submit to the board
7 an irrevocable election, in a form as prescribed by the board,
8 which shall include, but not be limited to, the following
9 information:

10 (A) Representation that the claimant is a qualified taxpayer or
11 an affiliate.

12 (B) Statement of the dates on which the production period began
13 and ended.

14 (C) The credit amount, and if an affiliate, the portion of the
15 credit amount assigned to it and documentation supporting the
16 assignment of that portion of the credit amount.

17 (D) The amount of qualified sales and use taxes the claimant
18 remitted to the board during the period commencing on the first
19 day of the calendar quarter commencing immediately before the
20 beginning of the production period, and ending on the date the
21 claimant was required to file its most recent sales and use tax
22 return with the board.

23 (E) A copy of the credit certificate issued pursuant to
24 subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (g) of Section
25 17053.85 or 23685.

26 (2) The election shall be filed on or before the date on which
27 the qualified taxpayer or affiliate would first be allowed to claim
28 a credit pursuant to Section 17053.85 or 23685 on its tax return.

29 (d) (1) The claimant may elect to obtain a refund of qualified
30 sales and use taxes paid during the period described in
31 subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c). If the
32 claimant elects to obtain a refund of qualified sales and use taxes,
33 the claimant shall file a claim for refund with the irrevocable
34 election described in subdivision (c). The refund amount shall not
35 exceed, for a qualified taxpayer, the credit amount, or for an
36 affiliate, the portion of the credit amount assigned to it.

37 (2) No interest shall be paid on any amount refunded or credited
38 pursuant to paragraph (1).

39 (e) If the claimant does not elect to obtain a refund or in the
40 case where the credit amount, or assigned portion, exceeds the

1 amount of its claim for refund for the qualified sales and use taxes,
2 the claimant may, for the reporting periods in the five years
3 following the last reporting period as described in subparagraph
4 (D) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c), offset any remaining credit
5 amount, or assigned portion, against the qualified sales and use
6 taxes imposed during those reporting periods.

7 (f) Section 6961 shall apply to any refund, or part thereof, that
8 is erroneously made and any credit, or part thereof, that is
9 erroneously allowed pursuant to this section.

10 (g) The board shall provide an annual listing to the Franchise
11 Tax Board, in a form and manner agreed upon by the board and
12 the Franchise Tax Board, of the qualified taxpayers, or affiliates
13 that have been assigned a portion of the credit allowed under
14 Section 23685 pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 23685, who,
15 during the year, have made an irrevocable election pursuant to
16 this section and the credit amount, or portion of the credit amount,
17 claimed by each qualified taxpayer or affiliate.

18 (h) The board may prescribe rules and regulations for the
19 administration of this section.

20 SEC. 2. Section 17039.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
21 amended to read:

22 17039.2. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this part or Part
23 10.2 (commencing with Section 18401) to the contrary, for each
24 taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2008, and before
25 January 1, 2010, the total of all business credits otherwise allowable
26 under any credit under any provision of Chapter 2 (commencing
27 with Section 17041), including the carryover of any business credit
28 under a former provision of that chapter, for the taxable year shall
29 not reduce the “net tax” (as defined in Section 17039) below the
30 applicable amount.

31 (b) For purposes of this section, “business credit” means a credit
32 allowable under any provision of Chapter 2 (commencing with
33 Section 17041) other than the following credits:

34 (1) The credit allowed by Section 17052.6 (relating to credit
35 for household and dependent care).

36 (2) The credit allowed by Section 17052.25 (relating to credit
37 for adoption costs).

38 (3) The credit allowed by Section 17053.5 (relating to renter’s
39 tax credit).

1 (4) The credit allowed by Section 17053.80 (relating to full time
2 employment hiring credit).

3 ~~(4)~~

4 (5) The credit allowed by Section 17054 (relating to credit for
5 personal exemption).

6 ~~(5)~~

7 (6) The credit allowed by Section 17054.5 (relating to credit
8 for qualified joint custody head of household and a qualified
9 taxpayer with a dependent parent).

10 ~~(6)~~

11 (7) The credit allowed by Section 17054.7 (relating to credit
12 for senior head of household).

13 ~~(7)~~

14 (8) The credit allowed by Section 17061 (relating to refunds
15 pursuant to the Unemployment Insurance Code).

16 (c) For purposes of this section, the “applicable amount” shall
17 be equal to 50 percent of the “net tax” (as defined in Section 17039)
18 before application of any credits.

19 (d) The amount of any credit otherwise allowable for the taxable
20 year under Section 17039 that is not allowed due to application of
21 this section shall remain a credit carryover amount under this part.

22 (e) The carryover period for any credit that is not allowed due
23 to the application of this section shall be increased by the number
24 of taxable years the credit (or any portion thereof) was not allowed.

25 (f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this part or Part
26 10.2 (commencing with Section 18401) the credits listed in
27 subdivision (b) shall be required to be applied before any business
28 credits, as limited by subdivision (a), are applied.

29 (g) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a taxpayer
30 with net business income of less than five hundred thousand dollars
31 (\$500,000) for the taxable year. For purposes of this subdivision,
32 business income means:

33 (1) Income from a trade or business, whether conducted by the
34 taxpayer or by a passthrough entity owned directly or indirectly by
35 the taxpayer. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “passthrough
36 entity” means a partnership or an “S” corporation.

37 (2) Income from rental activity.

38 (3) Income attributable to a farming business.

39 SEC. 3. Section 17053.80 is added to the Revenue and Taxation
40 Code, to read:

1 17053.80. (a) For each taxable year beginning on or after
2 January 1, 2009, there shall be allowed as a credit against the
3 “net tax,” as defined in Section 17039, three thousand dollars
4 (\$3,000) for each net increase in qualified full-time employees, as
5 specified in subdivision (c), hired during the taxable year by a
6 qualified employer.

7 (b) For purposes of this section:

8 (1) “Acquired” includes any gift, inheritance, transfer incident
9 to divorce, or any other transfer, whether or not for consideration.

10 (2) “Qualified full-time employee” means:

11 (A) A qualified employee who was paid qualified wages by the
12 qualified employer for services of not less than an average of 35
13 hours per week.

14 (B) A qualified employee who was a salaried employee and was
15 paid compensation during the taxable year for full-time
16 employment, within the meaning of Section 515 of the Labor Code,
17 by the qualified employer.

18 (3) A “qualified employee” shall not include any of the
19 following:

20 (A) An employee certified as a qualified employee in an
21 enterprise zone designated in accordance with Chapter 12.8
22 (commencing with Section 7070) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the
23 Government Code.

24 (B) An employee certified as a qualified disadvantaged
25 individual in a manufacturing enhancement area designated in
26 accordance with Section 7073.8 of the Government Code.

27 (C) An employee certified as a qualified employee in a targeted
28 tax area designated in accordance with Section 7097 of the
29 Government Code.

30 (D) An employee certified as a qualified disadvantaged
31 individual or a qualified displaced employee in a local agency
32 military base recovery area (LAMBRA) designated in accordance
33 with Chapter 12.97 (commencing with Section 7105) of Division
34 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

35 (E) An employee whose wages are included in calculating any
36 other credit allowed under this part.

37 (4) “Qualified employer” means a taxpayer that, as of the last
38 day of the preceding taxable year, employed a total of 20 or fewer
39 employees.

(5) “Qualified wages” means wages subject to Division 6 (commencing with Section 13000) of the Unemployment Insurance Code.

(6) “Annual full-time equivalent” means either of the following:

(A) In the case of a full-time employee paid hourly qualified wages, “annual full-time equivalent” means the total number of hours worked for the taxpayer by the employee (not to exceed 2,000 hours per employee) divided by 2,000.

(B) In the case of a salaried full-time employee, “annual full-time equivalent” means the total number of weeks worked for the taxpayer by the employee divided by 52.

(c) The net increase in qualified full-time employees of a qualified employer shall be determined as provided by this subdivision:

(1) (A) The net increase in qualified full-time employees shall be determined on an annual full-time equivalent basis by subtracting from the amount determined in subparagraph (C) the amount determined in subparagraph (B).

(B) The total number of qualified full-time employees employed in the preceding taxable year by the taxpayer and by any trade or business acquired by the taxpayer during the current taxable year.

(C) The total number of full-time employees employed in the current taxable year by the taxpayer and by any trade or business acquired during the current taxable year.

(2) For taxpayers who first commence doing business in this state during the taxable year, the number of full-time employees for the immediately preceding prior taxable year shall be zero.

(d) In the case where the credit allowed by this section exceeds the “net tax,” the excess may be carried over to reduce the “net tax” in the following year, and succeeding seven years if necessary, until the credit is exhausted.

(e) Any deduction otherwise allowed under this part for qualified wages shall not be reduced by the amount of the credit allowed under this section.

(f) For purposes of this section:

(1) All employees of the trades or businesses that are treated as related under either Section 267, 318, or 707 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be treated as employed by a single taxpayer.

(2) In determining whether the taxpayer has first commenced doing business in this state during the taxable year, the provisions

1 of subdivision (f) of Section 17276, without application of
2 paragraph (7) of that subdivision, shall apply.

3 (g) (1) (A) Credit under this section and Section 23623 shall
4 be allowed only for credits claimed on timely filed original returns
5 received by the Franchise Tax Board on or before the cut-off date
6 established by the Franchise Tax Board.

7 (B) For purposes of this paragraph, the cut-off date shall be
8 the last day of the calendar quarter within which the Franchise
9 Tax Board estimates it will have received timely filed original
10 returns claiming credits under this section and Section 23623 that
11 cumulatively total four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000)
12 for all taxable years.

13 (2) The date a return is received shall be determined by the
14 Franchise Tax Board.

15 (3) (A) The determinations of the Franchise Tax Board with
16 respect to the cut-off date, the date a return is received, and
17 whether a return has been timely filed for purposes of this
18 subdivision may not be reviewed in any administrative or judicial
19 proceeding

20 (B) Any disallowance of a credit claimed due to a determination
21 under this subdivision, including the application of the limitation
22 specified in paragraph (1), shall be treated as a mathematical
23 error appearing on the return. Any amount of tax resulting from
24 such disallowance may be assessed by the Franchise Tax Board
25 in the same manner as provided by Section 19051.

26 (4) The Franchise Tax Board shall periodically provide notice
27 on its Web site with respect to the amount of credit under this
28 section and Section 23623 claimed on timely filed original returns
29 received by the Franchise Tax Board.

30 (h) (1) The Franchise Tax Board may prescribe rules,
31 guidelines or procedures necessary or appropriate to carry out
32 the purposes of this section, including any guidelines regarding
33 the limitation on total credits allowable under this section and
34 Section 23623 and guidelines necessary to avoid the application
35 of paragraph (2) of subdivision (f) through split-ups, shell
36 corporations, partnerships, tiered ownership structures, or
37 otherwise.

38 (2) Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of
39 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to
40 any standard, criterion, procedure, determination, rule, notice, or

1 guideline established or issued by the Franchise Tax Board
2 pursuant to this section.

3 (i) This section shall remain in effect only until December 1 of
4 the calendar year after the year of the cut-off date, and as of that
5 December 1 is repealed.

6 SEC. 4. Section 17053.85 is added to the Revenue and Taxation
7 Code, to read:

8 17053.85. (a) (1) For taxable years beginning on or after
9 January 1, 2011, there shall be allowed to a qualified taxpayer a
10 credit against the “net tax,” as defined in Section 17039, in an
11 amount equal to the applicable percentage, as specified in
12 paragraph (4), of the qualified expenditures for the production of
13 a qualified motion picture in California.

14 (2) The credit shall be allowed for the taxable year in which
15 the California Film Commission issues the credit certificate
16 pursuant to subdivision (g) for the qualified motion picture, and
17 shall be for the applicable percentage of all qualified expenditures
18 paid or incurred by the qualified taxpayer in all taxable years for
19 that qualified motion picture.

20 (3) The amount of the credit allowed to a qualified taxpayer
21 shall be limited to the amount specified in the credit certificate
22 issued to the qualified taxpayer by the California Film Commission
23 pursuant to subdivision (g).

24 (4) For purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2), the applicable
25 percentage shall be:

26 (A) Twenty percent of the qualified expenditures attributable
27 to the production of a qualified motion picture in California.

28 (B) Twenty-five percent of the qualified expenditures attributable
29 to the production of a qualified motion picture in California where
30 the qualified motion picture is a television series that relocated to
31 California or an independent film.

32 (b) For purposes of this section:

33 (1) “Ancillary product” means any article for sale to the public
34 that contains a portion of, or any element of, the qualified motion
35 picture.

36 (2) “Budget” means an estimate of all expenses paid or incurred
37 during the production period of a qualified motion picture. It shall
38 be the same budget used by the qualified taxpayer and production
39 company for all qualified motion picture purposes.

1 (3) “Clip use” means a use of any portion of a motion picture,
2 other than the qualified motion picture, used in the qualified motion
3 picture.

4 (4) “Credit certificate” means the certificate issued by the
5 California Film Commission pursuant to subparagraph (C) of
6 paragraph (2) of subdivision (g).

7 (5) (A) “Employee fringe benefits” means the amount allowable
8 as a deduction under this part to the qualified taxpayer involved
9 in the production of the qualified motion picture, exclusive of any
10 amounts contributed by employees, for any year during the
11 production period with respect to any of the following:

12 (i) Employer contributions under any pension, profit-sharing,
13 annuity, or similar plan.

14 (ii) Employer-provided coverage under any accident or health
15 plan for employees.

16 (iii) The employer’s cost of life or disability insurance provided
17 to employees.

18 (B) Any amount treated as wages under clause (i) of
19 subparagraph (A) of paragraph (18) shall not be taken into account
20 under this paragraph.

21 (6) “Independent film” means a motion picture with a minimum
22 budget of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) and a maximum budget
23 of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) that is produced by a company
24 that is not publicly traded and publicly traded companies do not
25 own, directly or indirectly, more than 25 percent of the producing
26 company.

27 (7) “Licensing” means any grant of rights to distribute the
28 qualified motion picture, in whole or in part.

29 (8) “New use” means any use of a motion picture in a medium
30 other than the medium for which it was initially created.

31 (9) (A) “Postproduction” means the final activities in a
32 qualified motion picture’s production, including editing, foley
33 recording, automatic dialogue replacement, sound editing, scoring
34 and music editing, beginning and end credits, negative cutting,
35 negative processing and duplication, the addition of sound and
36 visual effects, soundmixing, film-to-tape transfers, encoding, and
37 color correction.

38 (B) “Postproduction” does not include the manufacture or
39 shipping of release prints.

1 (10) “Preproduction” means the process of preparation for
2 actual physical production which begins after a qualified motion
3 picture has received a firm agreement of financial commitment,
4 or is greenlit, with, for example, the establishment of a dedicated
5 production office, the hiring of key crew members, and includes,
6 but is not limited to, activities that include location scouting and
7 execution of contracts with vendors of equipment and stage space.

8 (11) “Principal photography” means the phase of production
9 during which the motion picture is actually shot, as distinguished
10 from preproduction and postproduction.

11 (12) “Production period” means the period beginning with
12 preproduction and ending upon completion of postproduction.

13 (13) “Qualified entity” means a personal service corporation
14 as defined in Section 269A(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, a
15 payroll services corporation, or any entity receiving qualified
16 wages with respect to services performed by a qualified individual.

17 (14) (A) “Qualified individual” means any individual who
18 performs services during the production period in an activity
19 related to the production of a qualified motion picture.

20 (B) “Qualified individual” shall not include either of the
21 following:

22 (i) Any individual related to the qualified taxpayer as described
23 in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of Section 51(i)(1) of the Internal
24 Revenue Code.

25 (ii) Any 5 percent owner, as defined in Section 416(i)(1)(B) of
26 the Internal Revenue Code, of the qualified taxpayer.

27 (15) (A) “Qualified motion picture” means a motion picture
28 that is produced for distribution to the general public, regardless
29 of medium that is one of the following:

30 (i) A feature with a minimum production budget of one million
31 dollars (\$1,000,000) and a maximum production budget of
32 seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000).

33 (ii) A movie of the week or miniseries with a minimum
34 production budget of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

35 (iii) A new television series produced in California with a
36 minimum production budget of one million dollars (\$1,000,000)
37 licensed for original distribution on basic cable.

38 (iv) An independent film.

39 (v) A television series that relocated to California.

1 (B) To qualify as a “qualified motion picture,” all of the
2 following conditions shall be satisfied:

3 (i) At least 75 percent of the production days occur wholly in
4 California or 75 percent of the production budget is incurred for
5 payment for services performed within the state and the purchase
6 or rental of property used within the state.

7 (ii) Production of the qualified motion picture is completed
8 within 30 months from the date on which the qualified taxpayer’s
9 application is approved by the California Film Commission. For
10 purposes of this section, a qualified motion picture is “completed”
11 when the process of postproduction has been finished.

12 (iii) The copyright for the motion picture is registered with the
13 United States Copyright Office pursuant to Title 17 of the United
14 States Code.

15 (iv) Principal photography of the qualified motion picture
16 commences after the date on which the application is approved
17 by the California Film Commission, but no later than 180 days
18 after the date of that approval.

19 (C) For the purposes of subparagraph (A), in computing the
20 total wages paid or incurred for the production of a qualified
21 motion picture, all amounts paid or incurred by all persons or
22 entities that share in the costs of the qualified motion picture shall
23 be aggregated.

24 (D) “Qualified motion picture” shall not include commercial
25 advertising, music videos, a motion picture produced for private
26 noncommercial use, such as weddings, graduations, or as part of
27 an educational course and made by students, a news program,
28 current events or public events program, talk show, game show,
29 sporting event or activity, awards show, telethon or other
30 production that solicits funds, reality television program,
31 clip-based programming if more than 50 percent of the content is
32 comprised of licensed footage, documentaries, variety programs,
33 daytime dramas, strip shows, one-half hour (air time) episodic
34 television shows, or any production that falls within the
35 recordkeeping requirements of Section 2257 of Title 18 of the
36 United States Code.

37 (16) “Qualified expenditure” means amounts paid or incurred
38 to purchase or lease tangible personal property used within this
39 state in the production of a qualified motion picture and payments,

1 including qualified wages, for services performed within this state
2 in the production of a qualified motion picture.

3 (17) (A) “Qualified taxpayer” means a taxpayer who has paid
4 or incurred qualified expenditures and has been issued a credit
5 certificate by the California Film Commission pursuant to
6 subdivision (g).

7 (B) In the case of any passthrough entity, the determination of
8 whether a taxpayer is a qualified taxpayer under this section shall
9 be made at the entity level and any credit under this section is not
10 allowed to the passthrough entity, but shall be passed through to
11 the partners or shareholders in accordance with applicable
12 provisions of Part 10 (commencing with Section 17001) or Part
13 11 (commencing with Section 23001). For purposes of this
14 paragraph, “passthrough entity” means any entity taxed as a
15 partnership or “S” corporation.

16 (18) (A) “Qualified wages” means all of the following:

17 (i) Any wages required to be reported under Section 13050 of
18 the Unemployment Insurance Code that were paid or incurred by
19 any taxpayer involved in the production of a qualified motion
20 picture with respect to a qualified individual for services performed
21 on the qualified motion picture production within this state.

22 (ii) The portion of any employee fringe benefits paid or incurred
23 by any taxpayer involved in the production of the qualified motion
24 picture that are properly allocable to qualified wage amounts
25 described in clause (i).

26 (iii) Any payments made to a qualified entity for services
27 performed in this state by qualified individuals within the meaning
28 of paragraph (14).

29 (iv) Remuneration paid to an independent contractor who is a
30 qualified individual for services performed within this state by that
31 qualified individual.

32 (B) “Qualified wages” shall not include any of the following:

33 (i) Expenses, including wages, related to new use, reuse, clip
34 use, licensing, secondary markets, or residual compensation, or
35 the creation of any ancillary product, including, but not limited
36 to, a soundtrack album, toy, game, trailer, or teaser.

37 (ii) Expenses, including wages, paid or incurred with respect
38 to acquisition, development, turnaround, or any rights thereto.

39 (iii) Expenses, including wages, related to financing, overhead,
40 marketing, promotion, or distribution of a qualified motion picture.

1 (iv) Expenses, including wages, paid per person per qualified
2 motion picture for writers, directors, music directors, music
3 composers, music supervisors, producers, and performers, other
4 than background actors with no scripted lines.

5 (19) “Residual compensation” means supplemental
6 compensation paid at the time that a motion picture is exhibited
7 through new use, reuse, clip use, or in secondary markets, as
8 distinguished from payments made during production.

9 (20) “Reuse” means any use of a qualified motion picture in
10 the same medium for which it was created, following the initial
11 use in that medium.

12 (21) “Secondary markets” means media in which a qualified
13 motion picture is exhibited following the initial media in which it
14 is exhibited.

15 (22) “Television series that relocated to California” means a
16 television series, without regard to episode length or initial media
17 exhibition, that filmed all of its prior season or seasons outside of
18 California and for which the taxpayer certifies that the credit
19 provided pursuant to this section is the primary reason for
20 relocating to California.

21 (c) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, a qualified taxpayer
22 may sell any credit allowed under this section that is attributable
23 to an independent film, as defined in paragraph (6) of subdivision
24 (b), to an unrelated party.

25 (2) The qualified taxpayer shall report to the Franchise Tax
26 Board prior to the sale of the credit, in the form and manner
27 specified by the Franchise Tax Board, all required information
28 regarding the purchase and sale of the credit, including the social
29 security or other taxpayer identification number of the unrelated
30 party to whom the credit has been sold, the face amount of the
31 credit sold, and the amount of consideration received by the
32 qualified taxpayer for the sale of the credit.

33 (3) In the case where the credit allowed under this section
34 exceeds the “net tax,” the excess credit may be carried over to
35 reduce the “net tax” in the following taxable year, and succeeding
36 five taxable years, if necessary, until the credit has been exhausted.

37 (4) A credit shall not be sold pursuant to this subdivision to
38 more than one taxpayer, nor may the credit be resold by the
39 unrelated party to another taxpayer or other party.

1 (5) A party that has acquired tax credits under this section shall
2 be subject to the requirements of this section.

3 (6) In no event may a qualified taxpayer assign or sell any tax
4 credit to the extent the tax credit allowed by this section is claimed
5 on any tax return of the qualified taxpayer.

6 (7) In the event that both the taxpayer originally allocated a
7 credit under this section by the California Film Commission and
8 a taxpayer to whom the credit has been sold both claim the same
9 amount of credit on their tax returns, the Franchise Tax Board
10 may disallow the credit of either taxpayer, so long as the statute
11 of limitations upon assessment remains open.

12 (8) Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of
13 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to
14 any standard, criterion, procedure, determination, rule, notice, or
15 guideline established or issued by the Franchise Tax Board
16 pursuant to this subdivision.

17 (d) No credit shall be allowed pursuant to this section unless
18 the qualified taxpayer provides the following to the California
19 Film Commission:

- 20 (1) Identification of each qualified individual.
21 (2) The specific start and end dates of production.
22 (3) The total wages paid.
23 (4) The amount of qualified wages paid to each qualified
24 individual.

25 (5) The copyright registration number, as reflected on the
26 certificate of registration issued under the authority of Section
27 410 of Title 17 of the United States Code, relating to registration
28 of claim and issuance of certificate. The registration number shall
29 be provided on the return claiming the credit.

30 (6) The total amounts paid or incurred to purchase or lease
31 tangible personal property used in the production of a qualified
32 motion picture.

33 (7) Information to substantiate its qualified expenditures.

34 (8) Information required by the California Film Commission
35 under regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivision (g)
36 necessary to verify the amount of credit claimed.

37 (e) The California Film Commission may prescribe rules and
38 regulations to carry out the purposes of this section including any
39 rules and regulations necessary to establish procedures, processes,
40 requirements, and rules identified in or required to implement this

1 section. The regulations shall include provisions to set aside a
2 percentage of annual credit allocations for independent films.

3 (f) If the qualified taxpayer fails to provide the copyright
4 registration number as required in paragraph (5) of subdivision
5 (d), the credit shall be disallowed and assessed and collected under
6 Section 19051 until the procedures are satisfied.

7 (g) For purposes of this section, the California Film Commission
8 shall do the following:

9 (1) On, or after, July 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2014, allocate
10 tax credits to applicants.

11 (A) Establish a procedure for applicants to file with the
12 commission a written application, on a form jointly prescribed by
13 the commission and the Franchise Tax Board for the allocation
14 of the tax credit. The application shall include, but not be limited
15 to, the following information:

16 (i) The budget for the motion picture production.

17 (ii) The number of production days.

18 (iii) A financing plan for the production.

19 (iv) The diversity of the workforce employed by the applicant,
20 including, but not limited to, the ethnic and racial makeup of the
21 individuals employed by the applicant during the production of
22 the qualified motion picture, to the extent possible.

23 (v) Any other information deemed relevant by the commission
24 or the Franchise Tax Board.

25 (B) Establish criteria, consistent with the requirements of this
26 section, for allocating tax credits.

27 (C) Determine and designate applicants who meet the
28 requirements of this section.

29 (D) Process and approve, or reject, all applications on a
30 first-come-first-served basis.

31 (E) Subject to the annual cap established as provided in
32 subdivision (i), allocate an aggregate amount of credits under this
33 section and Section 23685, and allocate any carryover of
34 unallocated credits from prior years.

35 (2) Certify tax credits allocated to qualified taxpayers.

36 (A) Establish a verification procedure for the amount of
37 qualified expenditures paid or incurred by the applicant.

38 (B) Establish audit requirements that must be satisfied before
39 a credit certificate may be issued by the California Film
40 Commission.

1 (C) Issue a credit certificate to a qualified taxpayer upon
2 completion of the qualified motion picture reflecting the credit
3 amount allocated after qualified expenditures have been verified
4 under this section. The amount of credit shown in the credit
5 certificate shall not exceed the amount of credit allocated to that
6 qualified taxpayer pursuant to this section.

7 (h) The California Film Commission shall provide the Franchise
8 Tax Board annually with a list of qualified taxpayers and the tax
9 credit amounts allocated to each qualified taxpayer by the
10 California Film Commission. The list shall include the names and
11 taxpayer identification numbers, including taxpayer identification
12 numbers of each partner or shareholder, as applicable, of the
13 qualified taxpayers.

14 (i) (1) The aggregate amount of credits that may be allocated
15 in any fiscal year pursuant to this section and Section 23686 shall
16 be an amount equal to the sum of all of the following:

17 (A) One hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) in credits for
18 the 2009–10 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, through
19 and including the 2013–14 fiscal year.

20 (B) The unused allocation credit amount, if any, for the
21 preceding fiscal year.

22 (C) The amount of previously allocated credits not certified.

23 (2) If the amount of credits applied for in any particular fiscal
24 year exceeds the aggregate amount of tax credits authorized to be
25 allocated under this section, such excess shall be treated as having
26 been applied for on the first day of the subsequent fiscal year.
27 However, credits may not be allocated from a fiscal year other
28 than the fiscal year in which the credit was originally applied for
29 or the immediately succeeding fiscal year.

30 (3) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Film Commission shall
31 set aside up to ten million (\$10,000,000) of tax credits each fiscal
32 year for independent films allocated in accordance with rules and
33 regulations developed pursuant to subdivision (e).

34 (4) Any act that reduces the amount that may be allocated
35 pursuant to paragraph (1) constitutes a change in state taxes for
36 the purpose of increasing revenues within the meaning of Section
37 3 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and may be passed
38 by not less than two-thirds of all Members elected to each of the
39 two houses of the Legislature.

1 (j) *The film commission shall have the authority to allocate tax*
2 *credits in accordance with this section and in accordance with*
3 *any regulations prescribed pursuant to subdivision (e) upon*
4 *adoption.*

5 SEC. 5. *Section 19136.8 is added to the Revenue and Taxation*
6 *Code, to read:*

7 19136.8. (a) *No addition to tax shall be made under Section*
8 *19136 with respect to any underpayment of an installment to the*
9 *extent that the underpayment was created or increased by the*
10 *disallowance of a credit under subdivision (f) of Section 17053.80.*

11 (b) *No addition to tax shall be made under Section 19142 with*
12 *respect to any underpayment of an installment to the extent that*
13 *the underpayment was created or increased by the disallowance*
14 *of a credit under subdivision (f) of Section 23623.*

15 (c) *The Franchise Tax Board shall adopt procedures, forms,*
16 *and instructions necessary to implement this section in a*
17 *reasonable manner.*

18 SEC. 6. *Section 23036.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is*
19 *amended to read:*

20 23036.2. (a) *Notwithstanding any provision of this part or Part*
21 *10.2 (commencing with Section 18401) to the contrary, for each*
22 *taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2008, and before*
23 *January 1, 2010, the total of all credits otherwise allowable under*
24 *any provision of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 23604)*
25 *including the carryover of any credit under a former provision of*
26 *that chapter, for the taxable year shall not reduce the “tax” (as*
27 *defined in Section 23036) below the applicable amount.*

28 (b) *This section shall not apply to the credit allowed by Section*
29 *23623 (relating to full time employment hiring credit).*

30 ~~(b)~~

31 (c) *For purposes of this section, the “applicable amount” shall*
32 *be equal to 50 percent of the “tax” (as defined in Section 23036)*
33 *before application of any credits.*

34 ~~(c)~~

35 (d) *The amount of any credit otherwise allowable for the taxable*
36 *year under Section 23036 that is not allowed due to the application*
37 *of this section shall remain a credit carryover amount under this*
38 *part.*

39 ~~(d)~~

(e) The carryover period for any credit that is not allowed due to the application of this section shall be increased by the number of taxable years the credit (or any portion thereof) was not allowed.

~~(e)~~

(f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a taxpayer with income subject to tax under this part of less than \$500,000 for the taxable year.

SEC. 7. Section 23101 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:

23101. (a) “Doing business” means actively engaging in any transaction for the purpose of financial or pecuniary gain or profit.

(b) *For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, a taxpayer is doing business in this state for a taxable year if any of the following conditions has been satisfied:*

(1) *The taxpayer is organized or commercially domiciled in this state.*

(2) *Sales, as defined in subdivision (e) or (f) of Section 25120 as applicable for the taxable year, of the taxpayer in this state exceed the lesser of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or 25 percent of the taxpayer’s total sales. For purposes of this paragraph, sales of the taxpayer include sales by an agent or independent contractor of the taxpayer. For purposes of this paragraph, sales in this state shall be determined using the rules for assigning sales under Sections 25135 and 25136 and the regulations thereunder, as modified by regulations under Section 25137.*

(3) *The real property and tangible personal property of the taxpayer in this state exceed the lesser of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or 25 percent of the taxpayer’s total real property and tangible personal property. The value of real and tangible personal property and the determination of whether property is in this state shall be determined using the rules contained in Sections 25129 to 25131, inclusive, and the regulations thereunder, as modified by regulation under Section 25137.*

(4) *The amount paid in this state by the taxpayer for compensation, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 25120, exceeds the lesser of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or 25 percent of the total compensation paid by the taxpayer. Compensation in this state shall be determined using the rules for assigning payroll*

1 contained in Section 25133 and the regulations thereunder, as
2 modified by regulations under Section 25137.

3 (c) (1) The Franchise Tax Board shall annually revise the
4 amounts in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of subdivision (b) in
5 accordance with subdivision (h) of Section 17041.

6 (2) For purposes of the adjustment required by paragraph (1),
7 subdivision (h) of Section 17041 shall be applied by substituting
8 “2012” in lieu of “1988.”

9 (d) The sales, property, and payroll of the taxpayer include the
10 taxpayer’s pro rata or distributive share of pass-through entities.
11 For purposes of this subdivision, “pass-through entities” means
12 a partnership or an “S” corporation.

13 SEC. 8. Section 23623 is added to the Revenue and Taxation
14 Code, to read:

15 23623. (a) For each taxable year beginning on or after
16 January 1, 2009, there shall be allowed as a credit against the
17 “tax,” as defined in Section 23036, three thousand dollars (\$3,000)
18 for each net increase in qualified full-time employees, as specified
19 in subdivision (c), hired during the taxable year by a qualified
20 employer.

21 (b) For purposes of this section:

22 (1) “Acquired” includes any gift, inheritance, transfer incident
23 to divorce, or any other transfer, whether or not for consideration.

24 (2) “Qualified full-time employee” means:

25 (A) A qualified employee who was paid qualified wages during
26 the taxable year by the qualified employer for services of not less
27 than an average of 35 hours per week.

28 (B) A qualified employee who was a salaried employee and was
29 paid compensation during the taxable year for full-time
30 employment, within the meaning of Section 515 of the Labor Code,
31 by the qualified employer.

32 (3) A “qualified employee” shall not include any of the
33 following:

34 (A) An employee certified as a qualified employee in an
35 enterprise zone designated in accordance with Chapter 12.8
36 (commencing with Section 7070) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the
37 Government Code.

38 (B) An employee certified as a qualified disadvantaged
39 individual in a manufacturing enhancement area designated in
40 accordance with Section 7073.8 of the Government Code.

1 (C) An employee certified as a qualified employee in a targeted
2 tax area designated in accordance with Section 7097 of the
3 Government Code.

4 (D) An employee certified as a qualified disadvantaged
5 individual or a qualified displaced employee in a local agency
6 military base recovery area (LAMBRA) designated in accordance
7 with Chapter 12.97 (commencing with Section 7105) of Division
8 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

9 (E) An employee whose wages are included in calculating any
10 other credit allowed under this part.

11 (4) “Qualified employer” means a taxpayer that, as of the last
12 day of the preceding taxable year, employed a total of 20 or fewer
13 employees.

14 (5) “Qualified wages” means wages subject to Division 6
15 (commencing with Section 13000) of the Unemployment Insurance
16 Code.

17 (6) “Annual full-time equivalent” means either of the following:

18 (A) In the case of a full-time employee paid hourly qualified
19 wages, “annual full-time equivalent” means the total number of
20 hours worked for the taxpayer by the employee (not to exceed
21 2,000 hours per employee) divided by 2,000.

22 (B) In the case of a salaried full-time employee, “annual
23 full-time equivalent” means the total number of weeks worked for
24 the taxpayer by the employee divided by 52.

25 (c) The net increase in qualified full-time employees of a
26 qualified employer shall be determined as provided by this
27 subdivision:

28 (1) (A) The net increase in qualified full-time employees shall
29 be determined on an annual full-time equivalent basis by
30 subtracting from the amount determined in subparagraph (C) the
31 amount determined in subparagraph (B).

32 (B) The total number of qualified full-time employees employed
33 in the preceding taxable year by the taxpayer and by any trade or
34 business acquired by the taxpayer during the current taxable year.

35 (C) The total number of full-time employees employed in the
36 current taxable year by the taxpayer and by any trade or business
37 acquired during the current taxable year.

38 (2) For taxpayers who first commence doing business in this
39 state during the taxable year, the number of full-time employees
40 for the immediately preceding prior taxable year shall be zero.

1 (d) In the case where the credit allowed by this section exceeds
2 the “tax,” the excess may be carried over to reduce the “tax” in
3 the following year, and succeeding seven years if necessary, until
4 the credit is exhausted.

5 (e) Any deduction otherwise allowed under this part for qualified
6 wages shall not be reduced by the amount of the credit allowed
7 under this section.

8 (f) For purposes of this section:

9 (1) All employees of the trades or businesses that are treated
10 as related under either Section 267, 318, or 707 of the Internal
11 Revenue Code shall be treated as employed by a single taxpayer.

12 (2) In determining whether the taxpayer has first commenced
13 doing business in this state during the taxable year, the provisions
14 of subdivision (f) of Section 17276, without application of
15 paragraph (7) of that subdivision, shall apply.

16 (g) (1) (A) Credit under this section and Section 17053.80
17 shall be allowed only for credits claimed on timely filed original
18 returns received by the Franchise Tax Board on or before the
19 cut-off date established by the Franchise Tax Board.

20 (B) For purposes of this paragraph, the cut-off date shall be
21 the last day of the calendar quarter within which the Franchise
22 Tax Board estimates it will have received timely filed original
23 returns claiming credits under this section and Section 17053.80
24 that cumulatively total four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000)
25 for all taxable years.

26 (2) The date a return is received shall be determined by the
27 Franchise Tax Board.

28 (3) (A) The determinations of the Franchise Tax Board with
29 respect to the cut-off date, the date a return is received, and
30 whether a return has been timely filed for purposes of this
31 subdivision may not be reviewed in any administrative or judicial
32 proceeding.

33 (B) Any disallowance of a credit claimed due to a determination
34 under this subdivision, including the application of the limitation
35 specified in paragraph (1), shall be treated as a mathematical
36 error appearing on the return. Any amount of tax resulting from
37 such disallowance may be assessed by the Franchise Tax Board
38 in the same manner as provided by Section 19051.

39 (4) The Franchise Tax Board shall periodically provide notice
40 on its Web site with respect to the amount of credit under this

1 section and Section 17053.80 claimed on timely filed original
2 returns received by the Franchise Tax Board.

3 (h) (1) The Franchise Tax Board may prescribe rules,
4 guidelines or procedures necessary or appropriate to carry out
5 the purposes of this section, including any guidelines regarding
6 the limitation on total credits allowable under this section and
7 Section 17053.80 and guidelines necessary to avoid the application
8 of paragraph (2) of subdivision (f) through split-ups, shell
9 corporations, partnerships, tiered ownership structures, or
10 otherwise.

11 (2) Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of
12 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to
13 any standard, criterion, procedure, determination, rule, notice, or
14 guideline established or issued by the Franchise Tax Board
15 pursuant to this section.

16 (i) This section shall remain in effect only until December 1 of
17 the calendar year after the year of the cut-off date, and as of that
18 December 1 is repealed.

19 SEC. 9. Section 23685 is added to the Revenue and Taxation
20 Code, to read:

21 23685. (a) (1) For taxable years beginning on or after January
22 1, 2011, there shall be allowed to a qualified taxpayer a credit
23 against the "tax," as defined in Section 23036, in an amount equal
24 to the applicable percentage, as specified in paragraph (4), of the
25 qualified expenditures for the production of a qualified motion
26 picture in California.

27 (2) The credit shall be allowed for the taxable year in which
28 the California Film Commission issues the credit certificate
29 pursuant to subdivision (g) for the qualified motion picture, and
30 shall be for the applicable percentage of all qualified expenditures
31 paid or incurred by the qualified taxpayer in all taxable years for
32 that qualified motion picture.

33 (3) The amount of the credit allowed to a qualified taxpayer
34 shall be limited to the amount specified in the credit certificate
35 issued to the qualified taxpayer by the California Film Commission
36 pursuant to subdivision (g).

37 (4) For purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2), the applicable
38 percentage shall be:

39 (A) Twenty percent of the qualified expenditures attributable
40 to the production of a qualified motion picture in California.

1 (B) Twenty-five percent of the qualified expenditures attributable
2 to the production of a qualified motion picture in California where
3 the qualified motion picture is a television series that relocated to
4 California or an independent film.

5 (b) For purposes of this section:

6 (1) “Ancillary product” means any article for sale to the public
7 that contains a portion of, or any element of, the qualified motion
8 picture.

9 (2) “Budget” means an estimate of all expenses paid or incurred
10 during the production period of a qualified motion picture. It shall
11 be the same budget used by the qualified taxpayer and production
12 company for all qualified motion picture purposes.

13 (3) “Clip use” means a use of any portion of a motion picture,
14 other than the qualified motion picture, used in the qualified motion
15 picture.

16 (4) “Credit certificate” means the certificate issued by the
17 California Film Commission pursuant to subparagraph (C) of
18 paragraph (2) of subdivision (g).

19 (5) (A) “Employee fringe benefits” means the amount allowable
20 as a deduction under this part to the qualified taxpayer involved
21 in the production of the qualified motion picture, exclusive of any
22 amounts contributed by employees, for any year during the
23 production period with respect to any of the following:

24 (i) Employer contributions under any pension, profit-sharing,
25 annuity, or similar plan.

26 (ii) Employer-provided coverage under any accident or health
27 plan for employees.

28 (iii) The employer’s cost of life or disability insurance provided
29 to employees.

30 (B) Any amount treated as wages under clause (i) of
31 subparagraph (A) of paragraph (18) shall not be taken into account
32 under this paragraph.

33 (6) “Independent film” means a motion picture with a minimum
34 budget of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) and a maximum budget
35 of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) that is produced by a company
36 that is not publicly traded and publicly traded companies do not
37 own, directly or indirectly, more than 25 percent of the producing
38 company.

39 (7) “Licensing” means any grant of rights to distribute the
40 qualified motion picture, in whole or in part.

1 (8) “New use” means any use of a motion picture in a medium
2 other than the medium for which it was initially created.

3 (9) (A) “Postproduction” means the final activities in a
4 qualified motion picture’s production, including editing, foley
5 recording, automatic dialogue replacement, sound editing, scoring
6 and music editing, beginning and end credits, negative cutting,
7 negative processing and duplication, the addition of sound and
8 visual effects, soundmixing, film-to-tape transfers, encoding, and
9 color correction.

10 (B) “Postproduction” does not include the manufacture or
11 shipping of release prints.

12 (10) “Preproduction” means the process of preparation for
13 actual physical production which begins after a qualified motion
14 picture has received a firm agreement of financial commitment,
15 or is greenlit, with, for example, the establishment of a dedicated
16 production office, the hiring of key crew members, and includes,
17 but is not limited to, activities that include location scouting and
18 execution of contracts with vendors of equipment and stage space.

19 (11) “Principal photography” means the phase of production
20 during which the motion picture is actually shot, as distinguished
21 from preproduction and postproduction.

22 (12) “Production period” means the period beginning with
23 preproduction and ending upon completion of postproduction.

24 (13) “Qualified entity” means a personal service corporation
25 as defined in Section 269A(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, a
26 payroll services corporation, or any entity receiving qualified
27 wages with respect to services performed by a qualified individual.

28 (14) (A) “Qualified individual” means any individual who
29 performs services during the production period in an activity
30 related to the production of a qualified motion picture.

31 (B) “Qualified individual” shall not include either of the
32 following:

33 (i) Any individual related to the qualified taxpayer as described
34 in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of Section 51(i)(1) of the Internal
35 Revenue Code.

36 (ii) Any 5 percent owner, as defined in Section 416(i)(1)(B) of
37 the Internal Revenue Code, of the qualified taxpayer.

38 (15) (A) “Qualified motion picture” means a motion picture
39 that is produced for distribution to the general public, regardless
40 of medium that is one of the following:

1 (i) A feature with a minimum production budget of one million
2 dollars (\$1,000,000) and a maximum production budget of
3 seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000).

4 (ii) A movie of the week or miniseries with a minimum
5 production budget of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

6 (iii) A new television series produced in California with a
7 minimum production budget of one million dollars (\$1,000,000)
8 licensed for original distribution on basic cable.

9 (iv) An independent film.

10 (v) A television series that relocated to California.

11 (B) To qualify as a “qualified motion picture,” all of the
12 following conditions shall be satisfied:

13 (i) At least 75 percent of the production days occur wholly in
14 California or 75 percent of the production budget is incurred for
15 payment for services performed within the state and the purchase
16 or rental of property used within the state.

17 (ii) Production of the qualified motion picture is completed
18 within 30 months from the date on which the qualified taxpayer’s
19 application is approved by the California Film Commission. For
20 purposes of this section, a qualified motion picture is “completed”
21 when the process of postproduction has been finished.

22 (iii) The copyright for the motion picture is registered with the
23 United States Copyright Office pursuant to Title 17 of the United
24 States Code.

25 (iv) Principal photography of the qualified motion picture
26 commences after the date on which the application is approved
27 by the California Film Commission, but no later than 180 days
28 after the date of that approval.

29 (C) For the purposes of subparagraph (A), in computing the
30 total wages paid or incurred for the production of a qualified
31 motion picture, all amounts paid or incurred by all persons or
32 entities that share in the costs of the qualified motion picture shall
33 be aggregated.

34 (D) “Qualified motion picture” shall not include commercial
35 advertising, music videos, a motion picture produced for private
36 noncommercial use, such as weddings, graduations, or as part of
37 an educational course and made by students, a news program,
38 current events or public events program, talk show, game show,
39 sporting event or activity, awards show, telethon or other
40 production that solicits funds, reality television program,

1 clip-based programming if more than 50 percent of the content is
2 comprised of licensed footage, documentaries, variety programs,
3 daytime dramas, strip shows, one-half hour (air time) episodic
4 television shows, or any production that falls within the
5 recordkeeping requirements of Section 2257 of Title 18 of the
6 United States Code.

7 (16) “Qualified expenditures” means amounts paid or incurred
8 to purchase or lease tangible personal property used within this
9 state in the production of a qualified motion picture and payments,
10 including qualified wages, for services performed within this state
11 in the production of a qualified motion picture.

12 (17) (A) “Qualified taxpayer” means a taxpayer who has paid
13 or incurred qualified expenditures and has been issued a credit
14 certificate by the California Film Commission pursuant to
15 subdivision (g).

16 (B) (i) In the case of any passthrough entity, the determination
17 of whether a taxpayer is a qualified taxpayer under this section
18 shall be made at the entity level and any credit under this section
19 is not allowed to the passthrough entity, but shall be passed
20 through to the partners or shareholders in accordance with
21 applicable provisions of Part 10 (commencing with Section 17001)
22 or Part 11 (commencing with Section 23001). For purposes of this
23 paragraph, “passthrough entity” means any entity taxed as a
24 partnership or “S” corporation.

25 (ii) In the case of an “S” corporation, the credit allowed under
26 this section shall not be used by an “S” corporation as a credit
27 against a tax imposed under Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section
28 23800) of Part 11 of Division 2.

29 (18) (A) “Qualified wages” means all of the following:

30 (i) Any wages required to be reported under Section 13050 of
31 the Unemployment Insurance Code that were paid or incurred by
32 any taxpayer involved in the production of a qualified motion
33 picture with respect to a qualified individual for services performed
34 on the qualified motion picture production within California.

35 (ii) The portion of any employee fringe benefits paid or incurred
36 by any taxpayer involved in the production of the qualified motion
37 picture that are properly allocable to qualified wage amounts
38 described in clause (i).

1 (iii) Any payments made to a qualified entity for services
2 performed in California by qualified individuals within the meaning
3 of paragraph (14).

4 (iv) Remuneration paid to an independent contractor who is a
5 qualified individual for services performed within California by
6 that qualified individual.

7 (B) “Qualified wages” shall not include any of the following:

8 (i) Expenses, including wages, related to new use, reuse, clip
9 use, licensing, secondary markets, or residual compensation, or
10 the creation of any ancillary product, including, but not limited
11 to, a soundtrack album, toy, game, trailer, or teaser.

12 (ii) Expenses, including wages, paid or incurred with respect
13 to acquisition, development, turnaround, or any rights thereto.

14 (iii) Expenses, including wages, related to financing, overhead,
15 marketing, promotion, or distribution of a qualified motion picture.

16 (iv) Expenses, including wages, paid per person per qualified
17 motion picture for writers, directors, music directors, music
18 composers, music supervisors, producers, and performers, other
19 than background actors with no scripted lines.

20 (19) “Residual compensation” means supplemental
21 compensation paid at the time that a motion picture is exhibited
22 through new use, reuse, clip use, or in secondary markets, as
23 distinguished from payments made during production.

24 (20) “Reuse” means any use of a qualified motion picture in
25 the same medium for which it was created, following the initial
26 use in that medium.

27 (21) “Secondary markets” means media in which a qualified
28 motion picture is exhibited following the initial media in which it
29 is exhibited.

30 (22) “Television series that relocated to California” means a
31 television series, without regard to episode length or initial media
32 exhibition, that filmed all of its prior season or seasons outside of
33 California and for which the taxpayer certifies that the credit
34 provided pursuant to this section is the primary reason for
35 relocating to California.

36 (c) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (i) of Section 23036,
37 relating to credits attributable to a passthrough business entity,
38 in the case where the credit allowed by this section exceeds the
39 taxpayer’s tax liability computed under this part, a qualified
40 taxpayer may elect to assign any portion of the credit allowed

1 under this section to one or more affiliated corporations for each
2 taxable year in which the credit is allowed. For purposes of this
3 subdivision, “affiliated corporation” has the meaning provided
4 in subdivision (b) of Section 25110, as that section was amended
5 by Chapter 881 of the Statutes of 1993, as of the last day of the
6 taxable year in which the credit is allowed, except that “100
7 percent” is substituted for “more than 50 percent” wherever it
8 appears in the section, and “voting common stock” is substituted
9 for “voting stock” wherever it appears in the section.

10 (2) The election provided in paragraph (1):

11 (A) May be based on any method selected by the qualified
12 taxpayer that originally receives the credit.

13 (B) Shall be irrevocable for the taxable year the credit is
14 allowed, once made.

15 (C) May be changed for any subsequent taxable year if the
16 election to make the assignment is expressly shown on each of the
17 returns of qualified taxpayer and a qualified taxpayer’s affiliated
18 corporations that assign and receive the credits.

19 (3) (A) Notwithstanding any other law, a qualified taxpayer,
20 may sell any credit allowed under this section that is attributable
21 to an independent film, as defined in paragraph (6) of subdivision
22 (b), to an unrelated party.

23 (B) The qualified taxpayer shall report to the Franchise Tax
24 Board prior to the sale of the credit, in the form and manner
25 specified by the Franchise Tax Board, all required information
26 regarding the purchase and sale of the credit, including the social
27 security or other taxpayer identification number of the unrelated
28 party to whom the credit has been sold, the face amount of the
29 credit sold, and the amount of consideration received by the
30 qualified taxpayer for the sale of the credit.

31 (4) In the case where the credit allowed under this section
32 exceeds the “tax,” the excess credit may be carried over to reduce
33 the “tax” in the following taxable year, and succeeding five taxable
34 years, if necessary, until the credit has been exhausted.

35 (5) A credit shall not be sold pursuant to this subdivision to
36 more than one taxpayer, nor may the credit be resold by the
37 unrelated party to another taxpayer or other party.

38 (6) A party that has been assigned or acquired tax credits under
39 this paragraph shall be subject to the requirements of this section.

1 (7) In no event may a qualified taxpayer assign or sell any tax
2 credit to the extent the tax credit allowed by this section is claimed
3 on any tax return of the qualified taxpayer.

4 (8) In the event that both the taxpayer originally allocated a
5 credit under this section by the California Film Commission and
6 a taxpayer to whom the credit has been sold both claim the same
7 amount of credit on their tax returns, the Franchise Tax Board
8 may disallow the credit of either taxpayer, so long as the statute
9 of limitations upon assessment remains open.

10 (9) Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of
11 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to
12 any standard, criterion, procedure, determination, rule, notice, or
13 guideline established or issued by the Franchise Tax Board
14 pursuant to this subdivision.

15 (d) No credit shall be allowed pursuant to this section unless
16 the qualified taxpayer provides the following to the California
17 Film Commission:

18 (1) Identification of each qualified individual.

19 (2) The specific start and end dates of production.

20 (3) The total wages paid.

21 (4) The amount of qualified wages paid to each qualified
22 individual.

23 (5) The copyright registration number, as reflected on the
24 certificate of registration issued under the authority of Section
25 410 of Title 17 of the United States Code, relating to registration
26 of claim and issuance of certificate. The registration number shall
27 be provided on the return claiming the credit.

28 (6) The total amounts paid or incurred to purchase or lease
29 tangible personal property used in the production of a qualified
30 motion picture.

31 (7) Information to substantiate its qualified expenditures.

32 (8) Information required by the California Film Commission
33 under regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivision (g)
34 necessary to verify the amount of credit claimed.

35 (e) The California Film Commission may prescribe rules and
36 regulations to carry out the purposes of this section including any
37 rules and regulations necessary to establish procedures, processes,
38 requirements, and rules identified in or required to implement this
39 section. The regulations shall include provisions to set aside a
40 percentage of annual credit allocations for independent films.

1 (f) If the qualified taxpayer fails to provide the copyright
2 registration number as required in paragraph (5) of subdivision
3 (d), the credit shall be disallowed and assessed and collected under
4 Section 19051 until the procedures are satisfied.

5 (g) For purposes of this section, the California Film Commission
6 shall do the following:

7 (1) On or after July 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2014, allocate
8 tax credits to applicants.

9 (A) Establish a procedure for applicants to file with the
10 commission a written application, on a form jointly prescribed by
11 the commission and the Franchise Tax Board for the allocation
12 of the tax credit. The application shall include, but not be limited
13 to, the following information:

14 (i) The budget for the motion picture production.

15 (ii) The number of production days.

16 (iii) A financing plan for the production.

17 (iv) The diversity of the workforce employed by the applicant,
18 including, but not limited to, the ethnic and racial makeup of the
19 individuals employed by the applicant during the production of
20 the qualified motion picture, to the extent possible.

21 (v) Any other information deemed relevant by the commission
22 or the Franchise Tax Board.

23 (B) Establish criteria, consistent with the requirements of this
24 section, for allocating tax credits.

25 (C) Determine and designate applicants who meet the
26 requirements of this section.

27 (D) Process and approve, or reject, all applications on a
28 first-come-first-served basis.

29 (E) Subject to the annual cap established as provided in
30 subdivision (i), allocate an aggregate amount of credits under this
31 section and Section 17053.85, and allocate any carryover of
32 unallocated credits from prior years.

33 (2) Certify tax credits allocated to qualified taxpayers.

34 (A) Establish a verification procedure for the amount of
35 qualified expenditures paid or incurred by the applicant.

36 (B) Establish audit requirements that must be satisfied before
37 a credit certificate may be issued by the California Film
38 Commission.

39 (C) Issue a credit certificate to a qualified taxpayer upon
40 completion of the qualified motion picture, reflecting the credit

1 amount allocated after qualified expenditures have been verified
2 under this section. The amount of a credit shown in the credit
3 certificate shall not exceed the amount of credit allocated to that
4 qualified taxpayer pursuant to this section.

5 (h) The California Film Commission shall provide the Franchise
6 Tax Board and the board annually with a list of qualified taxpayers
7 and the tax credit amounts allocated to each qualified taxpayer
8 by the California Film Commission. The list shall include the
9 names and taxpayer identification numbers, including taxpayer
10 identification numbers of each partner or shareholder, as
11 applicable, of the qualified taxpayer.

12 (i) (1) The aggregate amount of credits that may be allocated
13 in any fiscal year pursuant to this section and Section 17053.85
14 shall be an amount equal to the sum of all of the following:

15 (A) One hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) in credits for
16 the 2009–10 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, through
17 and including the 2013–14 fiscal year.

18 (B) The unused allocation credit amount, if any, for the
19 preceding fiscal year.

20 (C) The amount of previously allocated credits not certified.

21 (2) If the amount of credits applied for in any particular fiscal
22 year exceeds the aggregate amount of tax credits authorized to be
23 allocated for under this section, such excess shall be treated as
24 having been applied for on the first day of the subsequent fiscal
25 year. However, credits may not be allocated from a fiscal year
26 other than the fiscal year in which the credit was originally applied
27 for or the immediately succeeding fiscal year.

28 (3) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Film Commission shall
29 set aside up to ten million (\$10,000,000) of tax credits each fiscal
30 year for independent films allocated in accordance with rules and
31 regulations developed pursuant to subdivision (e).

32 (4) Any act that reduces the amount that may be allocated
33 pursuant to paragraph (1) constitutes a change in state taxes for
34 the purpose of increasing revenues within the meaning of Section
35 3 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and may be passed
36 by not less than two-thirds of all Members elected to each of the
37 two houses of the Legislature.

38 (j) The film commission shall have the authority to allocate tax
39 credits in accordance with this section and in accordance with

1 *any regulations prescribed pursuant to subdivision (e) upon*
2 *adoption.*

3 *SEC. 10. Section 25120 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is*
4 *amended to read:*

5 25120. As used in Sections 25120 to 25139, inclusive, which
6 shall hereafter be referred to as “this act,” unless the context
7 otherwise requires:

8 (a) “Business income” means income arising from transactions
9 and activity in the regular course of the taxpayer’s trade or business
10 and includes income from tangible and intangible property if the
11 acquisition, management, and disposition of the property constitute
12 integral parts of the taxpayer’s regular trade or business operations.

13 (b) “Commercial domicile” means the principal place from
14 which the trade or business of the taxpayer is directed or managed.

15 (c) “Compensation” means wages, salaries, commissions and
16 any other form of remuneration paid to employees for personal
17 services.

18 (d) “Nonbusiness income” means all income other than business
19 income.

20 (e) *For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011, “sales”*
21 *means all gross receipts of the taxpayer not allocated under*
22 *Sections 25123 to 25127, inclusive.*

23 ~~(e)–~~

24 (f) *For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011:*

25 (1) “Sales” means all gross receipts of the taxpayer not allocated
26 under Sections 25123 through to 25127 of this code, inclusive.

27 (2) “Gross receipts” means the gross amounts realized (the
28 sum of money and the fair market value of other property or
29 services received) on the sale or exchange of property, the
30 performance of services, or the use of property or capital
31 (including rents, royalties, interest, and dividends) in a transaction
32 that produces business income, in which the income, gain, or loss
33 is recognized (or would be recognized if the transaction were in
34 the United States) under the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable
35 for purposes of this part. Amounts realized on the sale or exchange
36 of property shall not be reduced by the cost of goods sold or the
37 basis of property sold. Gross receipts, even if business income,
38 shall not include the following items:

1 (A) Repayment, maturity, or redemption of the principal of a
2 loan, bond, mutual fund, certificate of deposit, or similar
3 marketable instrument.

4 (B) The principal amount received under a repurchase
5 agreement or other transaction properly characterized as a loan.

6 (C) Proceeds from issuance of the taxpayer's own stock or from
7 sale of treasury stock.

8 (D) Damages and other amounts received as the result of
9 litigation.

10 (E) Property acquired by an agent on behalf of another.

11 (F) Tax refunds and other tax benefit recoveries.

12 (G) Pension reversions.

13 (H) Contributions to capital (except for sales of securities by
14 securities dealers).

15 (I) Income from discharge of indebtedness.

16 (J) Amounts realized from exchanges of inventory that are not
17 recognized under the Internal Revenue Code.

18 (K) Amounts received from transactions in intangible assets
19 held in connection with a treasury function of the taxpayer's
20 unitary business and the gross receipts and overall net gains from
21 the maturity, redemption, sale, exchange, or other disposition of
22 those intangible assets. For purposes of this subparagraph,
23 "treasury function" means the pooling, management, and
24 investment of intangible assets for the purpose of satisfying the
25 cash flow needs of the taxpayer's trade or business, such as
26 providing liquidity for a taxpayer's business cycle, providing a
27 reserve for business contingencies, and business acquisitions, and
28 also includes the use of futures contracts and options contracts to
29 hedge foreign currency fluctuations. A taxpayer principally
30 engaged in the trade or business of purchasing and selling
31 intangible assets of the type typically held in a taxpayer's treasury
32 function, such as a registered broker-dealer, is not performing a
33 treasury function, for purposes of this subparagraph, with respect
34 to income so produced.

35 (L) Amounts received from hedging transactions involving
36 intangible assets. A "hedging transaction" means a transaction
37 related to the taxpayer's trading function involving futures and
38 options transactions for the purpose of hedging price risk of the
39 products or commodities consumed, produced, or sold by the
40 taxpayer.

1 (3) *Exclusion of an item from the definition of “gross receipts”*
2 *shall not be determinative of its character as business or*
3 *nonbusiness income.*

4 (4) *The changes to this section by the act adding this sentence*
5 *pertaining to taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011,*
6 *constitute clarifying, nonsubstantive changes.*

7 ~~(f)~~

8 (g) “State” means any state of the United States, the District of
9 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or
10 possession of the United States, and any foreign country or political
11 subdivision thereof.

12 SEC. 11. *Section 25128.5 is added to the Revenue and Taxation*
13 *Code, to read:*

14 25128.5. (a) *Notwithstanding Section 38006, any apportioning*
15 *trade or business, other than an apportioning trade or business*
16 *described in subdivision (b) of Section 25128, may make an*
17 *irrevocable annual election on an original timely filed return, in*
18 *the manner and form prescribed by the Franchise Tax Board to*
19 *apportion its income in accordance with this section, and not in*
20 *accordance with Section 25128.*

21 (b) *Notwithstanding Section 38006, for taxable years beginning*
22 *on or after January 1, 2011, all business income shall be*
23 *apportioned to this state by multiplying the business income by*
24 *the sales factor.*

25 (c) *The Franchise Tax Board is authorized to issue regulations*
26 *necessary or appropriate regarding the making of an election*
27 *under this section, including regulations that are consistent with*
28 *rules prescribed for making an election under Section 25113.*

29 SEC. 12. *Section 25135 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is*
30 *amended to read:*

31 25135. (a) *Sales of tangible personal property are in this state*
32 *if:*

33 ~~(a)~~

34 (1) *The property is delivered or shipped to a purchaser, other*
35 *than the United States government, within this state regardless of*
36 *the f.o.b. point or other conditions of the sale.*

37 ~~(b)~~

38 (2) *The property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse,*
39 *factory, or other place of storage in this state and—(1) (A) the*

purchaser is the United States government or ~~(2)~~ (B) the taxpayer is not taxable in the state of the purchaser.

~~(c) This section shall become operative on December 1, 2000.~~

(b) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, for purposes of determining whether sales are in this state and included in the numerator of the sales factor, all sales of the combined reporting group properly assigned to this state under this section shall be included in the sales factor numerator for this state regardless of whether the member of the combined reporting group making the sale is subject to the taxes imposed under Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 23101) or Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 23501) of this part. All sales not assigned to this state pursuant to subdivision (a) shall not be included in the sales factor numerator for this state if a member of the combined reporting group of the taxpayer is taxable in the state of the purchaser.

(c) The Franchise Tax Board may prescribe regulations as necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section.

SEC. 13. Section 25136 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:

25136. (a) Sales, other than sales of tangible personal property, are in this state if:

- (a)
- (1) The income-producing activity is performed in this state; or
- (b)
- (2) The income-producing activity is performed both in and outside this state and a greater proportion of the income-producing activity is performed in this state than in any other state, based on costs of performance.

(b) This section shall not apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 14. Section 25136 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:

25136. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011:

(a) Sales, other than sales of tangible personal property, are in this state as follows:

- (1) Sales from services are in this state to the extent the purchaser of the service received the benefit of the service in this state.

1 (2) Sales from intangible property are in this state to the extent
2 the property is used in this state. In the case of marketable
3 securities, sales are in this state if the customer is in this state.

4 (3) Sales from the sale, lease, rental, or licensing of real
5 property are in this state if the real property is located in this state.

6 (4) Sales from the rental, lease, or licensing of tangible personal
7 property are in this state if the property is located in this state.

8 (b) The Franchise Tax Board may prescribe regulations as
9 necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section.

10 SEC. 15. (a) On or before December 31, 2015, the Business,
11 Transportation and Housing Agency shall report to the Legislature
12 on the economic impact of the tax incentives created by Sections
13 6902.5, 17053.85 and 23685 of the Revenue and Taxation Code,
14 as added by this act. In preparing the report, the agency shall
15 consider, but is not limited to considering, all of the following:

16 (1) The number and increase or decrease of qualified motion
17 pictures produced in California.

18 (2) The amount of total qualified wages paid or incurred in
19 California.

20 (3) The level of employment in the production industry in
21 California.

22 (b) The agency may consult with the Employment Development
23 Department, the Franchise Tax Board, the State Board of
24 Equalization, representatives of industry and labor organizations,
25 and agencies of local government before completing its report.

26 SEC. 16. This act addresses the fiscal emergency declared by
27 the Governor by proclamation on December 19, 2008, pursuant
28 to subdivision (f) of Section 10 of Article IV of the California
29 Constitution.

30 SEC. 17. This act provides for a tax levy within the meaning
31 of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect.

32 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to make statutory~~
33 ~~changes relating to the Budget Act of 2008.~~

34 ~~SEC. 2. This act addresses the fiscal emergency declared by~~
35 ~~the Governor by proclamation on December 19, 2008, pursuant~~
36 ~~to subdivision (f) of Section 10 of Article IV of the California~~
37 ~~Constitution.~~