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for

Senate Bill 841

BY SENATOR WOODRUM

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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §21A-1A-28 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to 2 amend and reenact §21A-6-1d and §21A-6-10 of said code; to amend and reenact §21A-3 6A-4 and §21A-6A-5 of said code; and to amend §21A-6B-6 of said code; all relating to 4 the amount of unemployment taxes and benefits; removing definitions; modifying the 5 calculation of the taxable wage base; modifying methodology for calculating the maximum 6 benefit rate: requiring work search activities to qualify for unemployment benefits: defining 7 what constitutes work search activities; mandating submittal of proof of work search activities; providing for verification of work search activities; granting commissioner of 8 9 Workforce West Virginia discretion in verification of work search activities; mandating 10 establishment of process to refer individuals seeking unemployment benefits to job 11 opportunities; requiring individuals receiving referrals to suitable work to apply for and 12 accept that work; mandating employers to report refusal of offer of employment to 13 commissioner: allowing individuals who accept part-time non-suitable employment to 14 receive unemployment benefits without reduction for wages under certain circumstances; 15 making certain individuals applying for or receiving unemployment benefits exempt from 16 work search requirements; establishing process for notification of work search activity requirements; requiring rulemaking; setting internal effective date; modifying the total 17 18 extended benefit amount; and modifying the short-time compensation weekly benefit 19 amount.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1A. DEFINITIONS.

§21A-1A-28. Wages; average annual wage; threshold wage.

(a) "Wages" means all remuneration for personal service, including commissions,
 gratuities customarily received by an individual in the course of employment from persons other
 than the employing unit, as long as such gratuities equal or exceed an amount of not less than
 \$20 each month and which are required to be reported to the employer by the employee, bonuses

and the cash value of all remuneration in any medium other than cash except for agricultural labor
and domestic service. The term "wages" includes remuneration for service rendered to the state
as a member of the state National Guard or Air National Guard only when serving on a temporary
basis pursuant to a call made by the Governor under §15-1D-1 and §15-1D-2 of this code.

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(b) The term "wages" does not include:

10 (1) That part of the remuneration which, after remuneration equal to \$8,000 \$10,000 or, 11 after the amendment and reenactment of this section during the 2009 legislative session, the 12 threshold wage is paid during a calendar year to an individual by an employer or his or her 13 predecessor with respect to employment during any calendar year, is paid to such individual by 14 such employer during such calendar year unless that part of the remuneration is subject to a tax 15 under a federal law imposing a tax against which credit may be taken for contributions required 16 to be paid into a state unemployment fund. For the purposes of this section, the term 17 "employment" includes service constituting employment under any unemployment compensation 18 law of another state; or which as a condition for full tax credit against the tax imposed by the 19 federal Unemployment Tax Act is required to be covered under this chapter; and, except that for 20 the purposes of §21A-6-1, §21A-6-10, §21A-6-11, and §21A-6-13 of this code, all remuneration 21 earned by an individual in employment shall be credited to the individual and included in his or 22 her computation of base period wages: *Provided*, That the remuneration paid to an individual by 23 an employer with respect to employment in another state or other states upon which contributions 24 were required of and paid by such employer under an unemployment compensation law of such 25 other state or states shall be included as a part of the remuneration equal to the amounts of 26 \$8,000 \$10,000. or, after the amendment and reenactment of this section during the 2009 27 legislative session, the threshold wage herein referred to In applying such limitation on the amount 28 of remuneration that is taxable, an employer shall be accorded the benefit of all or any portion of 29 such amount which may have been paid by its predecessor or predecessors: Provided, however, 30 That if the definition of the term "wages" as contained in Section 3306(b) of the Internal Revenue

Code of 1954, as amended, is amended to include remuneration in excess of \$8,000 \$10,000 or, after the amendment and reenactment of this section during the 2009 legislative session, the threshold wage paid to an individual by an employer under the federal Unemployment Tax Act during any calendar year, wages for the purposes of this definition shall include remuneration paid in a calendar year to an individual by an employer subject to this chapter or his or her predecessor with respect to employment during any calendar year up to an amount equal to the amount of remuneration taxable under the federal Unemployment Tax Act;

38 (2) The amount of any payment made (including any amount paid by an employer for 39 insurance or annuities, or into a fund, to provide for any such payment) to, or on behalf of, an 40 individual in its employ or any of his or her dependents, under a plan or system established by an 41 employer which makes provision for individuals in its employ generally (or for such individuals 42 and their dependents), or for a class or classes of such individuals (or for a class or classes of 43 such individuals and their dependents) on account of: (A) Retirement: or (B) sickness or accident 44 disability payments made to an employee under an approved state workers' compensation law; 45 or (C) medical or hospitalization expenses in connection with sickness or accident disability; or 46 (D) death;

47 (3) Any payment made by an employer to an individual in its employ (including any amount
48 paid by an employer for insurance or annuities, or into a fund, to provide for any such payment)
49 on account of retirement;

50 (4) Any payment made by an employer on account of sickness or accident disability, or 51 medical or hospitalization expenses in connection with sickness or accident disability to, or on 52 behalf of, an individual in its employ after the expiration of six calendar months following the last 53 calendar month in which such individual worked for such employer;

(5) Any payment made by an employer to, or on behalf of, an individual in its employ or
his or her beneficiary: (A) From or to a trust described in Section 401(a) which is exempt from tax
under Section 501(a) of the federal Internal Revenue Code at the time of such payments unless

57 such payment is made to such individual as an employee of the trust as remuneration for services 58 rendered by such individual and not as a beneficiary of the trust; or (B) under or to an annuity 59 plan which, at the time of such payment, is a plan described in Section 403(a) of the federal 60 Internal Revenue Code;

61 (6) The payment by an employer of the tax imposed upon an employer under Section 3101
62 of the federal Internal Revenue Code with respect to remuneration paid to an employee for
63 domestic service in a private home or the employer of agricultural labor;

64 (7) Remuneration paid by an employer in any medium other than cash to an individual in
65 its employ for service not in the course of the employer's trade or business;

(8) Any payment (other than vacation or sick pay) made by an employer to an individual
in its employ after the month in which he or she attains the age of 65 if he or she did not work for
the employer in the period for which such payment is made;

(9) Payments, not required under any contract of hire, made to an individual with respect
to his or her period of training or service in the armed forces of the United States by an employer
by which such individual was formerly employed; and

72 (10) Vacation pay, severance pay or savings plans received by an individual before or 73 after becoming totally or partially unemployed but earned prior to becoming totally or partially 74 unemployed: Provided, That the term totally or partially unemployed does not include: (A) 75 Employees who are on vacation by reason of the request of the employees or their duly authorized 76 agent, for a vacation at a specific time, and which request by the employees or their agent is 77 acceded to by their employer; (B) employees who are on vacation by reason of the employer's request provided they are so informed at least 90 days prior to such vacation; or (C) employees 78 79 who are on vacation by reason of the employer's request where such vacation is in addition to the 80 regular vacation and the employer compensates such employee at a rate equal to or exceeding 81 their regular daily rate of pay during the vacation period.

82 (c) The reasonable cash value of remuneration in any medium other than cash shall be 83 estimated and determined in accordance with rules prescribed by the commissioner, except for 84 remuneration other than cash for services performed in agricultural labor and domestic service.

85 (d) "Average annual wage" means the state's average annual wage which is computed on 86 or before September 30 of the year immediately preceding the rate year and is the total 87 remuneration paid by employers as reported on contribution reports on or before that date with 88 respect to all employment during the four consecutive calendar quarters ending on June 30 of that year divided by the average monthly number of individuals performing services in 89 90 employment during the same four calendar guarters as reported on the contribution reports.

91 "Threshold wage" means the wage amount the employer pays unemployment taxes on 92 for each person in his or her employ during a calendar year. On and after the effective date of the 93 amendment and reenactment of this chapter by the Legislature in 2009, the threshold wage will 94 be \$12,000: Provided, That when the moneys in the unemployment fund reach \$220 million on 95 February 15 of any year, the threshold wage thereafter will be reduced to \$9,000: Provided, 96 however, That each year thereafter the threshold wage shall increase or decrease by the same 97 percentage that the state's average wage increases or decreases

ARTICLE 6. EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY; BENEFITS.

§21A-6-1d. Jobs and Reemployment Act.

1 (a) In addition to compliance with all other eligibility requirements, an individual shall be 2 eligible, and shall remain eligible, for unemployment benefits only if he or she actively seeks, and 3 continues to seek, work by conducting at least four work search activities weekly, defined as: 4 (1) Registering for work with the state's labor exchange system, placement firm, temporary 5 work agencies, or educational institution with job placement offices; 6 (2) Logging on and looking for work in the state's labor exchange or other online job 7 matching system;

8 (3) Using reemployment services in job centers or completing similar online or self-service activities, including, but not limited to, obtaining and using labor market and career information, 9 10 participating in Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment activities, participating in skills 11 assessment for occupational matching, instructional workshops, or other specialized activities; 12 (4) Completing job applications for employers that have, or are reasonably expected to 13 have, job openings, or following through on job referrals or job development attempts, as directed 14 by Workforce West Virginia staff; 15 (5) Applying for or participating in employment and training services provided by partner 16 programs in job centers; 17 (6) Participating in work-related networking events, such as job clubs, job fairs, industry 18 association events, or networking groups; 19 (7) Making contacts with, or in-person visits to, employers that have, or are reasonably 20 expected to have, job openings; 21 (8) Taking a civil service examination; 22 (9) Going on interviews with employers, either in-person or virtually; or 23 (10) Performing any other work search activities prescribed or allowed by rules 24 promulgated by Workforce West Virginia. 25 (b) The commissioner shall: 26 (1) Require an individual, at the time of application for unemployment benefits and weekly 27 thereafter, to provide proof of all his or her work search activities; 28 (2) Verify submissions of proof of work search activities by individuals applying for or 29 receiving unemployment benefits; and 30 (3) Determine any individual who fails to perform work search activities or provide proof of 31 work search activities as required by this section, ineligible to receive unemployment benefits 32 unless the individual can reasonably explain his or her failure to do so or timely remedy the failure 33 to provide proof of his or her work search activity.

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35 work search activities submitted, the explanation of a failure to submit such proof, the provision 36 of such proof after an inaccuracy in the proof provided is identified, and whether an individual has 37 otherwise complied with the requirements of this section. 38 (d) The commissioner shall, utilizing existing resources: 39 (1) Establish a process by which Workforce West Virginia will share open positions 40 submitted to, or posted by, the Division of Personnel or any other state-administered job board 41 by employers directly with individuals applying for or receiving unemployment benefits; and 42 (2) Establish a process by which, for the purpose of helping individuals applying for or receiving unemployment benefits secure suitable work, Workforce West Virginia shall refer 43 44 individuals applying for or receiving unemployment benefits to such open positions, including 45 facilitating contact between employers and those individuals, and monitoring whether those 46 individuals are sufficiently responsive to a referral. 47 (e) An individual applying for or receiving unemployment benefits who receives referrals 48 from Workforce West Virginia to a job or jobs considered to be suitable, as that term is defined in 49 this chapter, shall apply for that job or those jobs within one-week of receiving the referrals and 50 accept employment in suitable work if offered. 51 (f) Employers shall report the refusal of any individual who is receiving unemployment 52 benefits and who receives job referrals from Workforce West Virginia to accept an offer of 53 employment to the commissioner. The report shall be made in writing in a manner prescribed by 54 the commissioner and shall be signed by the employer. The report shall become part of the file of 55 the individual's claim for benefits. 56 (q) Individuals receiving unemployment benefits who accept a referral to a part-time open 57 position or otherwise accept part-time employment for which the wages are less than his or her 58 weekly benefit rate, shall continue to receive unemployment benefits without reduction for those 59 wages for the duration of his or her benefits period.

(c) The commissioner shall have discretion to determine the sufficiency of the proof of

60 (h) With the exception of individuals who have received or been served with a summons 61 for jury duty or are serving on a jury in any court of this state, the United States, or any state of 62 the United States; are receiving vocational training as described in the provisions of §21A-6-4 of 63 this code; or who are members in good standing of a union that refers its members to employment 64 from a union hall; all individuals applying for or receiving unemployment benefits shall be subject to the requirements of this section, including, but not limited to, individuals who are seasonally 65 unemployed or laid off subject to recall by their employer. 66 67 (i) Workforce West Virginia shall notify individuals seeking benefits, at the time an initial claim is filed and at any other time during the benefit year that the requirements substantively 68 change, of the obligation to actively seek work. Delivery of the notification shall be made by the 69 70 method selected by the individual seeking benefits, and may include United States mail, email, 71 online mailbox, or text message. The notification shall include, at a minimum, the types of work 72 search activities that are acceptable; the number of work search activities that are required in any 73 week; the requirement that work search activities be documented; and the requirement to apply, 74 and accept if offered, suitable jobs referred by the agency. 75 (i) The commissioner shall promulgate rules for legislative approval in accordance with the 76 provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code.

77 (k) The provisions of this section shall become effective January 1, 2025.

§21A-6-10. Benefit rate — total unemployment. annual computation and publication of rates.

(a) Each eligible individual who is totally unemployed in any week shall be paid benefits
with respect to that week at the weekly rate appearing in Column (C) in the benefit table in this
section, on the line on which in Column (A) there is indicated the employee's wage class, except
as otherwise provided under the term "total and partial unemployment" in §21A-1A-27 of this
code. The employee's wage class shall be determined by his or her base period wages as shown
in Column (B) in the benefit table. The right of an employee to receive benefits shall not be

7 prejudiced nor the amount thereof be diminished by reason of failure by an employer to pay either 8 the wages earned by the employee or the contribution due on such wages. An individual who is 9 totally unemployed but earns in excess of \$60 as a result of odd job or subsidiary work, or is paid 10 a bonus in any benefit week shall be paid benefits for such week in accordance with the provisions 11 of this chapter pertaining to benefits for partial unemployment.

- (b) (1) The maximum benefit for each wage class shall be equal to twenty-six times the
 weekly benefit rate.
- 14 (2) The maximum benefit rate shall be 66 and two-thirds percent of the average weekly
 15 wage in West Virginia as determined by the commissioner.

16 (c) On July 1 of each year, the commissioner shall determine the maximum weekly benefit 17 rate upon the basis of the formula set forth above and shall establish wage classes as are 18 required, increasing or decreasing the amount of the base period wages required for each wage 19 class by \$150, establishing the weekly benefit rate for each wage class by rounded dollar amount 20 to be 55 percent of one fifty-second of the median dollar amount of wages in the base period for 21 such wage class and establishing the maximum benefit for each wage class as an amount equal 22 to twenty-six times the weekly benefit rate. Provided, That the commissioner shall may not 23 increase or decrease the maximum weekly benefit rate for the period beginning on the effective 24 date of the amendment and reenactment of this section in the regular session of the Legislature 25 in 2009 until the threshold wage is reduced to \$9,000, as required by §21A-1A-28(d) of this code 26 The maximum weekly benefit rate, when computed by the commissioner, in accordance with the 27 foregoing provisions, shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$1.

28 (d) After he or she has established such wage classes, the commissioner shall prepare
 29 and publish a table setting forth such information.

30 (e) Average weekly wage shall be computed by dividing the number of employees in West
 31 Virginia earning wages in covered employment into the total wages paid to employees in West
 32 Virginia in covered employment, and by further dividing said result by 52, and shall be determined

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41	1 claim established before said July 1.							
42	BENEFIT TABLE							
43	A		B	C				
44	WAGE	WA	GES IN	WEEKLY	MAXIMUM			
45	CLASS	BASE	PERIOD	BENEFIT RATE	BENEFIT RATE			
46	U	nder	\$ 2,200.00	Ineligible				
47	1 \$2,200.00		2,359.99	24.00	624.00			
48	2 2,350.00	-	2,499.99	25.00	650.00			
49	3 2,500.00	-	2,649.99	27.00	702.00			
50	4 2,650.00		2,799.99	28.00	728.00			
51	5 2,800.00	-	2,949.99	30.00	780.00			
52	6 2,950.00	-	3,099.99	31.00	806.00			
53	7 <u>3,100.00</u>		3,249.99	33.00	858.00			
54	8 3,250.00	-	3,399.99	35.00	910.00			
55	9 3,400.00		3,549.99	36.00	936.00			
56	10 3,550.00		3,699.99	38.00	988.00			
57	11 3,700.00		3,849.99	39.00	1,014.00			
58	12 3,850.00		3,999.99	41.00	1,066.00			

33 from employer wage and contribution reports for the previous calendar year which are furnished

(f) The computation and determination of rates as aforesaid shall be completed annually

before July 1 and any such new wage class, with its corresponding wages in base period, weekly

benefit rate, and maximum benefit in a benefit year established by the commissioner in the

foregoing manner effective on July 1 shall apply only to a new claim established by a claimant on

and after July 1, and does not apply to continued claims of a claimant based on his or her new

34 to the department on or before June 1 following such calendar year. The average weekly wage,

35 as determined by the commissioner, shall be rounded to the next higher dollar.

59	13	-4,000.00 -	4,149.99	43.00	1,118.00
60	14	4,150.00 -	4,299.99	44.00	
61	15	4,300.00 -	4,449.99	46.00	1,196.00
62	16	4,450.00 -	4,599.99	47.00	<u>1,222.00</u>
63	17	4,600.00 -	4,749.99	49.00	<u>1,274.00</u>
64	18	4,750.00 -	4,899.99	51.00	1,326.00
65	19	4,900.00 -	5,049.99	52.00	1,352.00
66	20	- 5,050.00	5,199.99	54.00	1,404.00
67	21	5,200.00 -	5,349.99	55.00	1,430.00
68	22		5,499.99	57.00	1,482.00
69	23	- 5,500.00 	5,649.99	58.00	1,508.00
70	2 4	- 5,650.00	5,799.99	60.00	1,560.00
71	25	- 5,800.00 	5,949.99	62.00	1,612.00
72	26	5,950.00 -	6,099.99	63.00	1,638.00
73	27	6,100.00 -	6,249.99	65.00	1,690.00
74	28	6,250.00 -	6,399.99	66.00	1,716.00
75	<u>29</u>	6,400.00 -	6,549.99	68.00	1,768.00
76	30	6,550.00 -	6,699.99	70.00	1,820.00
77	31	6,700.00 -	6,849.99	71.00	1,846.00
78	32	6,850.00 -	6,999.99	73.00	1,898.00
79	33	7,000.00 -	7,149.99	74.00	1,924.00
80	34	7,150.00 -	7,299.99	76.00	1,976.00
81	35	7,300.00 -	7,449.99	78.00	2,028.00
82	36		7,599.99	79.00	2,054.00
83	37		7,749.99	81.00	2,106.00
84	38	7,750.00 -	7,899.99	82.00	<u>2,132.00</u>

85	39 7,900.00 -	8,049.99	84.00	2,184.00
86	40 8,050.00 -	8,199.99	85.00	2,210.00
87	41 <u>8,200.00</u> -	8,349.99	87.00	2,262.00
88	4 2 8,350.00 -	8,499.99	89.00	2,314.00
89	4 3 8,500.00 -	8,649.99	90.00	2,340.00
90	44 8,650.00 -	8,799.99	92.00	2,392.00
91	4 5 8,800.00 -	8,949.99	93.00	2,418.00
92	4 6 8,950.00 -	9,099.99	95.00	2,470.00
93	47 9,100.00 -	9,249.99	97.00	2,522.00
94	4 8 9,250.00 -	9,399.99	98.00	2,548.00
95	49 9,400.00 -	9,549.99	100.00	2,600.00
96	50 9,550.00 -	9,699.99	101.00	2,626.00
97	51 9,700.00 -	9,849.99	103.00	2,678.00
98	52 9,850.00 -	9,999.99	104.00	2,704.00
99	53 10,000.00 -	10,149.99	106.00	2,756.00
100	54 10,150.00 -	10,299.99	108.00	
101	55 10,300.00 -	10,449.99	109.00	2,834.00
102	56 10,450.00 -	10,599.99	111.00	2,886.00
103	57 10,600.00 -	10,749.99	112.00	2,912.00
104	58 10,750.00 -	10,899.99	114.00	2,964.00
105	59 10,900.00 -	11,049.99	116.00	3,016.00
106	60 11,050.00 -	11,199.99	117.00	3,042.00
107	61 11,200.00 -	11,349.99	119.00	3,094.00
108	62 11,350.00 -	11,499.99	120.00	3,120.00
109	63 11,500.00 -	11,649.99	122.00	3,172.00
110	64 11,650.00 -	11,799.99	124.00	3,224.00

111	65 11,800.00	- 11,949.99	125.00	3,250.00
112	66 11,950.00	- 12,099.99	127.00	3,302.00
113	67 12,100.00	- 12,249.99	128.00	3,328.00
114	68 12,250.00	- 12,399.99	130.00	3,380.00
115	69 12,400.00	- 12,549.99	131.00	3,406.00
116	70 12,550.00	- 12,699.99	133.00	3,458.00
117	71 12,700.00	- 12,849.99	135.00	3,510.00
118	72 12,850.00	- 12,999.99	136.00	3,536.00
119	73 13,000.00	- 13,149.99	138.00	3,588.00
120	74 13,150.00	- 13,299.99	139.00	3,614.00
121	75 13,300.00	- 13,449.99	141.00	3,666.00
122	76 13,450.00	- 13,599.99	143.00	3,718.00
123	77 13,600.00	- 13,749.99	144.00	3,744.00
124	78 13,750.00	- 13,899.99	146.00	3,796.00
125	79 13,900.00	- 14,049.99	147.00	3,822.00
126	80 14,050.00	- 14,199.99	149.00	3,874.00
127	81 14,200.00	- 14,349.99	150.00	3,900.00
128	82 14,350.00	- 14,499.99	152.00	3,952.00
129	83-14,500.00-	- 14,649.99	154.00	4,004.00
130	84 14,650.00	- 14,799.99	155.00	4,030.00
131	85 14,800.00	- 14,949.99	157.00	4,082.00
132	86 14,950.00	- 15,099.99	158.00	4,108.00
133	87 15,100.00	- 15,249.99	160.00	4,160.00
134	88 15,250.00	- 15,399.99	162.00	4,212.00
135	89 15,400.00	- 15,549.99	163.00	4,238.00
136	90 15,550.00	- 15,699.99	165.00	4,290.00

137	91 15,700		15,849.99	166.00	4,316.00
138	92 15,850	.00 -	15,999.99	168.00	4,368.00
139	93 16,000	.00 -	16,149.99	170.00	4,420.00
140	94 16,150	.00 -	16,299.99	171.00	4,446.00
141	95 16,300	.00 -	16,449.99	173.00	4,498.00
142	96 16,450		16,599.99	174.00	4,524.00
143	97 16,600		16,749.99	176.00	4,576.00
144	98 16,750		16,899.99	177.00	4,602.00
145	99 16,900		17,049.99	179.00	4,654.00
146	100 17,050		17,199.99	181.00	4,706.00
147	101 17,200		17,349.99	182.00	4,732.00
148	102 17,350		17,499.99	184.00	4,784.00
149	103 17,500		17,649.99	185.00	4,810.00
150	104 17,650		17,799.99	187.00	4,862.00
151	105 17,800		17,949.99	189.00	4,914.00
152	106 17,950		18,099.99	190.00	4,940.00
153	107 18,100	- 00.	18,249.99	192.00	4,992.00
154	108 18,250		18,399.99	193.00	5,018.00
155	109 18,400	- 00.	18,549.99	195.00	5,070.00
156	110 18,550		18,699.99	196.00	5,096.00
157	111 18,700		18,849.99	198.00	5,148.00
158	112 18,850		18,999.99	200.00	5,200.00
159	113 19,000		19,149.99	201.00	5,226.00
160	114 19,150		19,299.99	203.00	5,278.00
161	115 19,300		19,449.99	204.00	5,304.00
162	116 19,450		19,599.99	206.00	5,356.00

163	117 19,€		19,749.99	208.00	5,408.00
164	118 19,7	750.00 -	19,899.99	209.00	5,434.00
165	119 19,9		20,049.99	211.00	5,486.00
166	120 20,0		20,199.99	212.00	5,512.00
167	121 20,2	200.00 -	20,349.99	214.00	5,564.00
168	122 20,3	350.00 -	20,499.99	216.00	5,616.00
169	123 20,5	500.00 -	20,649.99	217.00	5,642.00
170	124 _20,€	50.00 -	20,799.99	219.00	5,694.00
171	125 20,8		20,949.99	220.00	5,720.00
172	126 20,9	950.00 -	21,099.99	222.00	5,772.00
173	127 21,1		21,249.99	223.00	5,798.00
174	128 21,2	250.00 -	21,399.99	225.00	5,850.00
175	129 21, 4	100.00 -	21,549.99	227.00	5,902.00
176	130 21,5	550.00 -	21,699.99	228.00	5,928.00
177	131 21,7		21,849.99	230.00	5,980.00
178	132 21,8	350.00 -	21,999.99	231.00	6,006.00
179	133 22,0		22,149.99	233.00	6,058.00
180	134 22, 1		22,299.99	235.00	6,110.00
181	135 22,3	300.00 -	22,449.99	236.00	6,136.00
182	136 22, 4	150.00 -	22,599.99	238.00	6,188.00
183	137 22,€	600.00 -	22,749.99	239.00	6,214.00
184	138 22,7		22,899.99	241.00	6,266.00
185	139 22,9		23,049.99	243.00	6,318.00
186	140 23,0)50.00 -	23,199.99	244.00	6,344.00
187	141 23,2	200.00 -	23,349.99	246.00	6,396.00
188	142 23,3	350.00 -	23,499.99	247.00	6,422.00

189	143		23,649.99	249.00	6,474.00
190	144	-23,650.00 -	23,799.99	250.00	6,500.00
191	145		23,949.99		6,552.00
192	146		24,099.99	254.00	6,604.00
193	147	-24,100.00 -	24,249.99	255.00	6,630.00
194	148		24,399.99	257.00	6,682.00
195	149		24,549.99		6,708.00
196	150		24,699.99	260.00	6,760.00
197	151		24,849.99	262.00	6,812.00
198	152		24,999.99		6,838.00
199	153		25,149.99	265.00	6,890.00
200	154		25,299.99		6,916.00
201	155		25,449.99		6,968.00
202	156		25,599.99	269.00	6,994.00
203	157		25,749.99	271.00	7,046.00
204	158		25,899.99	273.00	7,098.00
205	159		26,049.99	274.00	7,124.00
206	160		26,199.99	276.00	7,176.00
207	161		26,349.99	277.00	7,202.00
208	162		26,499.99	279.00	7,254.00
209	163		26,649.99		7,306.00
210	164		26,799.99	282.00	7,332.00
211	165		26,949.99		7,384.00
212	166		27,099.99	285.00	7,410.00
213	167		27,249.99	287.00	7,462.00
214	168 —	27,250.00 -	27,399.99	289.00	7,514.00

215	169	-27,400.00 -	27,549.99	290.00	7,540.00
216	170	- 27,550.00	27,699.99	292.00	7,592.00
217	171	-27,700.00 -	27,849.99	293.00	7,618.00
218	172	-27,850.00 -	27,999.99		7,670.00
219	173	-28,000.00 -	28,149.99	296.00	7,696.00
220	174 -		28,299.99	298.00	7,748.00
221	175		28,449.99		7,800.00
222	176		28,599.99		7,826.00
223	177		28,749.99	303.00	7,878.00
224	178		28,899.99		7,904.00
225	179		29,049.99	306.00	7,956.00
226	180	-29,050.00 -	29,199.99	308.00	8,008.00
227	181		29,349.99	309.00	8,034.00
228	182	-29,350.00 -	29,499.99	311.00	8,086.00
229	183		29,649.99	312.00	8,112.00
230	184	-29,650.00 -	29,799.99	314.00	8,164.00
231	185	29,800.00 -	29,949.99	315.00	<u>8,190.00</u>
232	186	-29,950.00 -	30,099.99	317.00	8,242.00
233	187	30,100.00 -	30,249.99	319.00	8,294.00
234	188		30,399.99	320.00	8,320.00
235	189		30,549.99	322.00	8,372.00
236	190		30,699.99	323.00	8,398.00
237	191		30,849.99	325.00	8,450.00
238	192		30,999.99	327.00	8,502.00
239	193		31,149.99	328.00	8,528.00
240	194	31,150.00 -	31,299.99	330.00	8,580.00

241	195 31, :	300.00 -	31,449.99	331.00	-8,606.00
242	196 31,	450.00 -	31,599.99	333.00	8,658.00
243	197 31,	600.00 -	31,749.99	-335.00	8,710.00
244	198 31,	750.00 -	31,899.99	-336.00	8,736.00
245	199 31,	900.00 -	32,049.99	-338.00	8,788.00
246	200 32,	050.00 -	32,199.99	339.00	8,814.00
247	201 32, 2	200.00 -	32,349.99	-341.00	8,866.00
248	202 32, ;	350.00 -	32,499.99	-342.00	8,892.00
249	203 32,	500.00 -	32,649.99	-344.00	8,944.00
250	204 32, 4	650.00 -	32,799.99	-346.00	8,996.00
251	205 32,	800.00 -	32,949.99	347.00	9,022.00
252	206 32,	950.00 -	33,099.99	-349.00	9,074.00
253	207 33,	100.00 -	33,249.99	-350.00	9,100.00
254	208 33, ;	250.00 -	33,399.99	352.00	9,152.00
255	209 33, -	400.00 -	33,549.99	354.00	9,204.00
256	210 33,	550.00 -	33,699.99	355.00	9,230.00
257	211 33,	700.00 -	33,849.99	357.00	9,282.00
258	212 33,	850.00 -	33,999.99	-358.00	9,308.00
259	213 34, 4		34,149.99	-360.00	9,360.00
260	214 34,	150.00	34,299.99	-361.00	9,386.00
261	215 34, :	300.00 -	34,449.99	-363.00	9,438.00
262	216 34, -	450.00	34,599.99	-365.00	9,490.00
263	217 34, 4	600.00 -	34,749.99	366.00	9,516.00
264	218 34,	750.00 -	34,899.99	368.00	9,568.00
265	219 34,	900.00 -	35,049.99	369.00	9,594.00
266	220 35, 4	050.00 -	35,199.99	371.00	9,646.00

267	221	35,200.00 -	35,349.99	373.00	9,698.00
268	222	35,350.00 -	35,499.99	374.00	9,724.00
269	223	35,500.00 -	35,649.99	376.00	9,776.00
270	22 4	35,650.00 -	35,799.99	377.00	9,802.00
271	225	35,800.00 -	35,949.99	379.00	9,854.00
272	226	35,950.00 -	36,999.99	381.00	9,906.00
273	227	36,100.00 -	- 36,2 49.99	382.00	9,932.00
274	228	36,250.00 -			9,984.00
275	229	36,400.00 -			
276	230	36,550.00 -	36,699.99	387.00	- 10,062.00
277	231	36,700.00 -	36,849.99	388.00	- 10,088.00
278	232	36,850.00 -	36,999.99	390.00	
279	233	37,000.00 -	37,149.99	392.00	10,192.00
280	234	37,150.00 -	37,299.99	393.00	10,218.00
281	235	37,300.00 -	37,449.99	395.00	10,270.00
282	236	37,450.00 -	37,599.99	396.00	10,296.00
283	237	37,600.00 -	37,749.99	398.00	
284	238	37,750.00 -	37,899.99	400.00	10,400.00
285	239	37,900.00 -	38,049.99	401.00	<u> 10,426.00</u>
286	240	38,050.00 -	38,199.99	403.00	
287	2 41	38,200.00 -	38,349.99	404.00	
288	242	38,350.00 -	38,499.99	406.00	
289	243	38,500.00 -	38,649.99	408.00	
290	2 44	38,650.00 -	38,799.99	409.00	
291	245	38,800.00 -	38,949.99	411.00	
292	246	38,950.00 -	39,099.99	412.00	10,712.00

293	247 39,100.00		414.00	10,764.00
294	248 39,250.00	- 39,399.99	415.00	10,790.00
295	249 39,400.00		417.00	10,842.00
296	250 39,550.00		419.00	10,894.00
297	251 39,700.00	- 39,849.99	420.00	10,920.00
298	252 39,850.00	- 39,999.99	422.00	10,972.00
299	253 40,000.00	- 40,149.99	423.00	10,998.00
300	254 40,150.00	- and above	424.00	11,024.00
301	254 40,150.00	- 40,299.99	425.00	11,050.00
302	255 40,300.00	- 40,449.99	427.00	11,102.00
303	256 40,450.00	- 40,599.99	428.00	11,128.00
304	257 40,600.00		430.00	11,180.00
305	258 40,750.00	- 40,899.99	431.00	11,206.00
306	259 40,900.00		433.00	11,258.00
307	260 41,050.00	41,199.99	434.00	11,284.00
308	261 41,200.00	41,349.99	436.00	11,336.00
309	262 41,350.00	41,499.99	438.00	11,388.00
310	263 41,500.00	41,649.99	439.00	11,414.00
311	264 41,650.00	41,799.99	441.00	11,466.00
312	265 41,800.00	41,949.99	442.00	11,492.00
313	266 41,950.00	42,099.99	444.00	11,544.00
314	267 42,100.00	42,249.99	446.00	11,596.00
315	268 42,250.00	42,399.99	447.00	11,622.00
316	269 42,400.00	42,549.99	449.00	11,674.00
317	270 42,550.00	42,699.99	450.00	11,700.00
318	271 42,700.00	- 42,849.99	452.00	11,752.00

319	272 42,850.00 -	42,999.99	454.00	11,804.00
320	273 43,000.00 •	43,149.99	455.00	11,830.00
321	274 43,150.00 -	43,299.99	457.00	11,882.00
322	275 43,300.00 -	43,449.99	458.00	11,908.00
323	276 43,450.00 -	43,599.99	460.00	11,960.00
324	277 43,600.00 -	43,749.99	461.00	11,986.00
325	278 43,750.00 -	43,899.99	463.00	12,038.00
326	279 43,900.00 -	44,049.99	465.00	12,090.00
327	280 44,050.00 -	44,199.99	466.00	12,116.00
328	281 44,200.00 -	44,349.99	468.00	12,168.00
329	282 44,350.00 -	44,499.99	469.00	12,194.00
330	283 44,500.00 -	44,649.99	471.00	12,246.00
331	284 44,650.00 -	44,799.99	473.00	12,298.00
332	285 44,800.00 -	44,949.99	474.00	12,324.00
333	286 44,950.00 ·	45,099.99	476.00	12,376.00
334	287 45,100.00 ·	45,249.99	477.00	12,402.00
335	288 45,250.00 •	45,399.99	479.00	12,454.00
336	289 45,400.00 -	45,549.99	480.00	12,480.00
337	290 45,550.00 •	45,699.99	482.00	12,532.00
338	291 45,700.00 ·	45,849.99	484.00	12,584.00
339	292 45,850.00 -	45,999.99	485.00	12,610.00
340	293 46,000.00 -	46,149.99	487.00	12,662.00
341	294 46,150.00 -	46,299.99	488.00	12,688.00
342	295 46,300.00 ·	46,449.99	490.00	12,740.00
343	296 46,450.00 ·	46,599.99	492.00	12,792.00
344	297 46,600.00 -	46,749.99	493.00	12,818.00

345	298 46,750.00 -	46,899.99	495.00	12,870.00
346	299 46,900.00 -	47,049.99	496.00	12,896.00
347	300 47,050.00 -	47,199.99	498.00	12,948.00
348	301 47,200.00 -	47,349.99	500.00	13,000.00
349	302 47,350.00 -	47,499.99	501.00	13,026.00
350	303 47,500.00 -	47,649.99	503.00	13,078.00
351	304 47,650.00 -	47,799.99	504.00	13,104.00
352	305 47,800.00 -	47,949.99	506.00	13,156.00
353	306 47,950.00 -	48,099.99	507.00	13,182.00
354	307 48,100.00 -	48,249.99	509.00	13,234.00
355	308 48,250.00 -	48,399.99	511.00	13,286.00
356	309 48,400.00 -	48,549.99	512.00	13,312.00
357	310 48,550.00 -	48,699.99	514.00	13,364.00
358	311 48,700.00 -	48,849.99	515.00	13,390.00
359	312 48,850.00 -	48,999.99	517.00	13,442.00
360	313 49,000.00 -	49,149.99	519.00	13,494.00
361	314 49,150.00 -	49,299.99	520.00	13,520.00
362	315 49,300.00 -	49,449.99	522.00	13,572.00
363	316 49,450.00 -	49,599.99	523.00	13,598.00
364	317 49,600.00 -	49,749.99	525.00	13,650.00
365	318 49,750.00 -	49,899.99	526.00	13,676.00
366	319 49,900.00 -	50,049.99	528.00	13,728.00
367	320 50,050.00 -	50,199.99	530.00	13,780.00
368	321 50,200.00 -	50,349.99	531.00	13,806.00
369	322 50,350.00 -	50,499.99	533.00	13,858.00
370	323 50,500.00 -	50,649.99	534.00	13,884.00

371	32 4—	50,650.00		50,799.99	536.00	13,936.00
372	325	-50,800.00		50,949.99	538.00	13,988.00
373	326 —	50,950.00		51,099.99	539.00	
374	327	51,100.00		51,249.99	541.00	
375	328 —	51,250.00		51,399.99	542.00	
376	329	51,400.00		51,549.99	544.00	
377	330 —	51,550.00		51,699.99	546.00	
378	331 —	51,700.00		51,849.99	547.00	<u> 14,222.00</u>
379	332	51,850.00		51,999.99	549.00	<u> 14,274.00</u>
380	333 —	52,000.00		52,149.99	550.00	
381	33 4—	52,150.00		52,299.99	552.00	<u> 14,352.00</u>
382	335	52,300.00	-	52,449.99	553.00	<u> 14,378.00</u>
383	336	52,450.00	-	52,599.99	555.00	
384	337	52,600.00	-	52,749.99	557.00	14,482.00
385	338	52,750.00		52,899.99	558.00	
386	339	52,900.00		53,049.99	560.00	
387	340 —	53,050.00	-	53,199.99	561.00	14,586.00
388	341	53,200.00		53,349.99	563.00	<u> 14,638.00</u>
389	342	53,350.00	-	53,499.99	565.00	14,690.00
390	343	53,500.00		53,649.99	566.00	<u> 14,716.00</u>
391	3 44	53,650.00		53,799.99	568.00	14,768.00
392	345	53,800.00		53,949.99	569.00	14,794.00
393	346	53,950.00		54,099.99	571.00	14,846.00
394	347	54,100.00	-	54,249.99	573.00	<u> 14,898.00</u>
395	348	54,250.00	-	54,399.99	574.00	
396	349	54,400.00		54,549.99	576.00	<u> 14,976.00</u>

397	350 —		54,699.99	577.00	
398	351	-54,700.00 -	54,849.99	579.00	
399	352		54,999.99		
400	353		55,149.99	582.00	— 15,132.00
401	354		55,299.99	584.00	— 15,184.00
402	355		55,449.99	585.00	15,210.00
403	356		55,599.99	587.00	—1 5,262.00
404	357		55,749.99	588.00	15,288.00
405	358		55,899.99	590.00	<u> 15,340.00</u>
406	359		56,049.99	592.00	15,392.00
407	360		56,199.99	593.00	<u> 15,418.00</u>
408	361		56,349.99	595.00	15,470.00
409	362		56,499.99	596.00	15,496.00
410	363 —		56,649.99	598.00	15,548.00
411	364		56,799.99		15,574.00
412	365		56,949.99	601.00	15,626.00
413	366 —	- 56,950.00	57,099.99	603.00	15,678.00
414	367	-57,100.00 -	57,249.99		15,704.00
415	368	- 57,250.00	57,399.99	606.00	<u> 15,756.00</u>
416	369	57,400.00 -	57,549.99	607.00	15,782.00
417	370		57,699.99	608.00	15,808.00
418	371	57,700.00 -	57,849.99	611.00	15,886.00
419	372	- 57,850.00	57,999.99	612.00	15,912.00
420	373		58,149.99	614.00	<u> 15,964.00</u>
421	374		58,299.99	615.00	15,990.00
422	375		58,449.99	617.00	<u> 16,042.00</u>

423	376 58,450.00		58,599.99	619.00	16,094.00
424	377 58,600.00		58,749.99	620.00	16,120.00
425	378 58,750.00	-	58,899.99	622.00	<u> </u>
426	379 58,900.00		59,049.99	623.00	16,198.00
427	380 59,050.00		59,199.99	625.00	16,250.00
428	381 59,200.00		59,349.99	626.00	16,276.00
429	382 59,350.00		59,499.99	628.00	16,328.00
430	383 59,500.00		59,649.99	630.00	16,380.00
431	384 59,650.00		59,799.99	631.00	16,406.00
432	385 59,800.00		59,949.99	633.00	16,458.00
433	386 59,950.00		60,099.99	634.00	16,484.00
434	387 60,100.00		60,249.99	636.00	16,536.00
435	388 60,250.00		60,399.99	638.00	16,588.00
436	389 60,400.00		60,549.99	639.00	16,614.00
437	390 60,550.00		60,699.99	641.00	16,666.00
438	391 60,700.00		60,849.99	642.00	16,692.00
439	392 60,850.00	-	60,999.99	644.00	16,744.00
440	393 61,000.00		61,149.99	645.00	16,770.00
441	394 61,150.00	-	61,299.99	647.00	16,822.00
442	395 61,300.00		61,449.99	649.00	16,874.00
443	396 61,450.00		61,599.99	650.00	16,900.00
444	397 61,600.00		61,749.99	652.00	16,952.00
445	398 61,750.00		61,899.99	653.00	16,978.00
446	399 61,900.00		62,049.99	655.00	17,030.00
447	400 62,050.00		62,199.99	657.00	17,082.00
448	401 62,200.00	-	62,349.99	658.00	17,108.00

449	4 02 62,350.00 - 6 2	2,499.99	660.00	17,160.00				
450	4 03 62,500.00 - 6 2	2,649.99	661.00	17,186.00				
451	404 <u>62,650.00</u> - a	nd over	662.00	17,212.00				
452	(a) For purposes of this artic	le "average wee	ekly wage" is defined	as 1/52nd of an				
453	individual's total base period wages fro	individual's total base period wages from covered employment. For individuals with base period						
454	wages of \$53,000 or more, the average	e weekly wage sl	nall be computed as 1/5	52nd of \$53,000.				
455	(b) For all valid unemployment	compensation of	claims submitted, the w	eekly benefit rate				
456	shall be calculated as follows:							
457	(1) Throughout the first four-week period of benefits paid, the weekly benefit rate shall be							
458	70 percent of the individual's average weekly wage rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$1.							
459	(2) Throughout the second four-week period of benefits paid, the weekly benefit rate shall							
460	be 65 percent of the individual's average weekly wage rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$1.							
461	1 (3) Throughout the third four-week period of benefits paid, the weekly benefit rate shall be							
462	2 60 percent of the individual's average weekly wage rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$1.							
463	(4) Throughout the fourth four-week period of benefits paid, the weekly benefit rate shall							
464	be 55 percent of the individual's average weekly wage rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$1.							
465	(5) Throughout the fifth four-week period of benefits paid, the weekly benefit rate shall be							
466	50 percent of the individual's average v	veekly wage rou	nded to the next lowest	multiple of \$1.				
467	(6) Throughout the sixth four-week period of benefits paid, the weekly benefit rate shall be							
468	45 percent of the individual's average weekly wage rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$1.							
469	(c) The maximum benefit shall b	pe total potential	benefits payable as det	ermined by §21A-				
470	<u>6-10(b).</u>							
471	(d) An individual who is totally u	unemployed but	earns in excess of \$60	as a result of odd				
472	job or subsidiary work or is paid a bonu	job or subsidiary work or is paid a bonus in any benefit week, shall be paid benefits for such week						
473	in accordance with the provisions of this chapter pertaining to benefits for partial unemployment.							

- 474 (e) If a balance of benefits remains after an individual receives 24 weeks of unemployment
- 475 <u>benefits, due to partial unemployment as defined in §21A-6-11, the individual may receive benefit</u>

476 payments at the same weekly benefit rate as the most recent week, until the maximum benefit

- 477 <u>balance is exhausted.</u>
- 478 (f) The right of an employee to receive benefits shall not be prejudiced, nor the amount

thereof be diminished by reason of failure by an employer to pay either the wages earned by the

480 <u>employee or the contribution due on such wages.</u>

ARTICLE 6A. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM.

§21A-6A-4. Weekly extended benefit amount.

1 The weekly extended benefit amount payable to an individual for a week of total 2 unemployment in his eligibility period shall be an amount equal to the weekly benefit payable to 3 him the eligible individual during his the first four weeks of the applicable benefit year: Provided, 4 That for any week during a period in which federal payments to states under section 204 of the 5 Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 are reduced under an order 6 issued under section 252 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the 7 weekly extended benefit amount payable to an individual for a week of total unemployment in his 8 eligibility period shall be reduced by a percentage equivalent to the percentage of the reduction 9 in the federal payment. Such reduced weekly extended benefit amount, if not a full dollar amount, 10 shall be rounded to the nearest lower full dollar amount.

§21A-6A-5. Total extended benefit amount.

The total extended benefit amount payable to an eligible individual with respect to his or
 her applicable benefit year shall be the least of the following amounts:

3 (1) Fifty percent of the total amount of regular benefits which were payable to him or her
4 under this chapter in his or her applicable benefit year;

5 (2) Thirteen times his or her weekly benefit amount which was payable to him or her under
6 this chapter for a week <u>during the first four weeks</u> of total unemployment in the applicable benefit

7 vear: Provided. That an individual filing for extended benefits through the interstate benefit payment plan and residing in a state where an extended benefit period is not in effect shall be 8 9 limited to payment for only the first two weeks of such extended benefits: Provided, however, That 10 during any fiscal year in which federal payments to states under section 204 of the Federal-State 11 Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 are reduced under an order issued under 12 section 252 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the total extended 13 benefit amount payable to an individual with respect to his or her applicable benefit year shall be 14 reduced by an amount equal to the aggregate of the reductions under section four, article six-a of 15 this chapter in the weekly amounts paid to the individual.

(3)(A) For weeks beginning in a high unemployment period, subdivision (1) of this section
shall be applied by substituting 80 percent for 50 percent, and subdivision (2) of this section shall
be applied by substituting 20 for 13.

(B) For the purposes of this article, the term "high unemployment period" means any
period during which the provisions of subdivision (3), section one of this article would result in a
"state >on' indicator" if subdivision (3), section one of this article were applied by substituting eight
percent for six and one-half percent.

ARTICLE 6B. SHORT TIME COMPENSATION PROGRAM.

§21A-6B-6. Benefits.

(a) The short-time compensation weekly benefit amount shall be the product of the regular
 weekly unemployment compensation amount for a week the first four weeks of total
 <u>unemployment as defined in §21A-6-10</u> multiplied by the percentage of reduction in the
 individual's usual weekly hours of work.