



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 354

February Session, 2026



AN ACT CONCERNING STAFFING IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS DIVISION IN THE LABOR DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30,
2 2027, the Labor Commissioner shall employ not fewer than the number
3 of employees at the Unemployment Insurance Benefits Division within
4 the Labor Department employed at such division on September 30, 2025.

5 (b) Not later than July 1, 2027, the Labor Commissioner shall hire an
6 additional twenty-five employees to such division for the purpose of
7 processing and administering unemployment benefit claims.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

LAB Joint Favorable Subst.

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