



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 357

LCO No. 2126



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT DEPENDENCY ALLOWANCE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-234 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2028*):

3 Each individual who is eligible to receive benefits for unemployment
4 with respect to any week shall be paid with respect to such week a
5 dependency allowance of [fifteen] forty-five dollars for such
6 individual's nonworking spouse, as defined by regulation, living in the
7 same household with such individual and for each of such individual's
8 children or stepchildren who at the beginning of the individual's current
9 benefit year were being wholly or mainly supported by such individual
10 and were under eighteen years of age or under twenty-one years of age
11 and in full-time attendance in a secondary school, a technical school, a
12 college, or state accredited job training program, or who at the
13 beginning of the individual's benefit year were mentally or physically
14 handicapped and because of such handicap were being wholly or
15 mainly supported by such individual, but in no event shall such

16 allowances exceed the number of whole dollars in one hundred per cent
17 of the total unemployment benefit rate of such individual or be paid
18 with respect to more than five dependents. If the individual acquires
19 any additional dependents in the course of a benefit year, the
20 dependency allowance shall be adjusted accordingly during the next
21 following complete calendar week. Dependency allowances shall be in
22 addition to the unemployment benefits otherwise payable and shall not
23 be considered part of an individual's total unemployment benefit rate
24 and no dependency allowance shall be payable with respect to any week
25 unless an unemployment benefit is also payable with respect to such
26 week. If both spouses receive benefits with respect to a week of
27 unemployment, neither shall be entitled to a dependency allowance
28 with respect to the other and only one of them shall be entitled to a
29 dependency allowance with respect to any child or stepchild.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2028	31-234

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the amount an individual, who is eligible to receive benefits for unemployment, receives in dependency allowance.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]