



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 4165



Offered by:

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To: Senate Bill No. 357

File No. 464

Cal. No. 276

**"AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT DEPENDENCY ALLOWANCE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 31-234 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

5 Each individual who is eligible to receive benefits for unemployment  
6 with respect to any week shall be paid with respect to such week a  
7 dependency allowance of fifteen dollars, and effective July 1, 2028,  
8 twenty-five dollars, and effective July 1, 2029, thirty-five dollars, and  
9 effective July 1, 2030, forty-five dollars for such individual's nonworking  
10 spouse, as defined by regulation, living in the same household with such  
11 individual and for each of such individual's children or stepchildren  
12 who at the beginning of the individual's current benefit year were being

13 wholly or mainly supported by such individual and were under  
14 eighteen years of age or under twenty-one years of age and in full-time  
15 attendance in a secondary school, a technical school, a college, or state  
16 accredited job training program, or who at the beginning of the  
17 individual's benefit year were mentally or physically handicapped and  
18 because of such handicap were being wholly or mainly supported by  
19 such individual, but in no event shall such allowances exceed the  
20 number of whole dollars in one hundred per cent of the total  
21 unemployment benefit rate of such individual or be paid with respect  
22 to more than five dependents. If the individual acquires any additional  
23 dependents in the course of a benefit year, the dependency allowance  
24 shall be adjusted accordingly during the next following complete  
25 calendar week. Dependency allowances shall be in addition to the  
26 unemployment benefits otherwise payable and shall not be considered  
27 part of an individual's total unemployment benefit rate and no  
28 dependency allowance shall be payable with respect to any week unless  
29 an unemployment benefit is also payable with respect to such week. If  
30 both spouses receive benefits with respect to a week of unemployment,  
31 neither shall be entitled to a dependency allowance with respect to the  
32 other and only one of them shall be entitled to a dependency allowance  
33 with respect to any child or stepchild."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	31-234