
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 357

AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT DEPENDENCY ALLOWANCE.

SUMMARY

This bill increases, from \$15 to \$45, the weekly unemployment benefit allowance that an eligible claimant receives for each dependent in addition to his or her regular unemployment benefits.

By law, the allowances are available for up to five dependents, and the total allowances cannot exceed the claimant's regular unemployment benefit. Dependents that qualify for the allowance are a claimant's (1) non-working spouse who lives in the same household with the claimant and (2) children or stepchildren who, at the start of the claimant's benefit year, were wholly or mainly supported by the claimant and (a) under age 18 (or age 21 if in full-time secondary school, technical school, college, or state accredited job training program) or (b) mentally or physically disabled. If both spouses are receiving unemployment benefits at the same time, neither can receive a dependency allowance for the other, and only one can claim the allowance for their children.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2028

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 9 Nay 4 (03/19/2026)