



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

## House Labor & Commerce Committee

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### Sectional Analysis

House Bill 151:

*“An Act Relating to unemployment benefits during a period of state or national emergency resulting from a novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak; and providing for an effective date.”*

**Section 1:** Removes the work search requirement for applicants who cannot fulfill it as a result of a COVID-19 outbreak and are otherwise eligible for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. Additionally, this section waives the one-week waiting period before applicants begin receiving UI benefits.

**Section 2:** Increases the per dependent UI benefit from \$24 per dependent to \$75 per dependent. Additionally, this section removes the existing cap of three dependents for which applicants can receive a supplemental benefit.

**Section 3:** Amends uncodified law to give the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development authority to adopt regulations necessary to implement this act.

**Section 4:** Repeals the act in its entirety on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Section 5:** Provides an effective date for sections 1-3, retroactive to April 1, 2021.

**Section 6:** Provides for an immediate effective date.