



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

House Labor & Commerce Committee

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Sectional Analysis, HB 151 v. I

“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 work search and one-week waiting period waiver, (section 1), on September 6th, 2021.

Section 5: Repeals the increased per dependent benefit, (section 2), on March 31st, 2022.

Section 6: Provides an effective date for sections 1-3 of the bill, retroactive to April 1, 2021.

Section 7: Provides for an immediate effective date.