

Legislative Analysis



INCREASE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PERIOD

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House Bill 5827 (proposed substitute H-1)

Sponsor: Rep. Karen Whitsett

Committee: [Placed on second reading]

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5827 would amend the Michigan Employment Security Act to increase the maximum number of weeks in a benefit year. Currently, no more than **20** weeks or less than 14 weeks of benefits are payable to an individual in a benefit year. Under the bill, for an eligible individual filing an initial claim on or after January 15, 2025, no more than **26** weeks or less than 14 weeks of benefits would be payable.

MCL 421.27

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would increase benefit payments from the unemployment insurance trust fund by an unknown amount. The increase in costs for the unemployment insurance trust fund would be based on the usage of the additional six weeks of benefits by eligible unemployed individuals and the number of unemployed individuals eligible for benefits. As of June 24, 2024, the unemployment trust fund balance was \$2.67 billion.

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