

Subject Unemployment Additional Benefits and Shared Work Program
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Overview

This bill provides up to 13 weeks of special additional unemployment benefits to applicants who exhaust all available state and federal unemployment benefits; also extends a modification to shared work program eligibility.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Special additional unemployment benefits program.</p> <p>Provides up to 13 weeks of special additional unemployment benefits to an applicant who exhausts their regular unemployment benefits, state extended benefits, or federal extended benefits, and who is not receiving any federal extension of unemployment benefits under the CARES Act or any other federal unemployment benefits program enacted in December 2020 or later or under any other state law. An applicant must meet regular unemployment eligibility requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 268.069, subdivision 1. Benefits are available from the unemployment insurance trust fund from November 1, 2020, through May 1, 2021. The weekly benefit amount is the same as the regular unemployment benefit amount. Does not affect the experience rating of taxpaying employers and is not charged to reimbursing employers. This section is retroactive to November 1, 2020.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Shared work plan requirements.</p> <p>Extends shared work plan eligibility modification shortening the length of employment requirement for an employee to participate in a shared work program from 12 months to three months. This section is effective December 27, 2020.</p> |



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