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## Bill Summary

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### Section

- 1 Additional unemployment benefits; when available.** Authorizes the payment of additional unemployment benefits to an applicant who has stopped working because of a lockout.
- 2 Eligibility conditions.** Specifies that an applicant who is unemployed due to a lockout is eligible for additional benefits if the applicant meets current law eligibility requirements, has exhausted regular benefits, is not eligible for extended benefits, and the lockout is in active progress.
- 3 Weekly benefit amount.** Sets the additional benefit amount equal to the weekly amount for regular benefits.
- 4 Maximum amount of unemployment benefits.** Removes duration limits as long as a lockout is in active progress.
- 5 Public subsidies for organizations engaged in employee lockouts; penalties.** Establishes penalties to impose on an employer engaged in a lockout and who has been the recipient of a public subsidy of at least \$150,000. The penalty may equal the amount of the subsidy.