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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 927, L.D. 1260, “An Act To Promote the Sustainability of Unemployment Insurance by Linking the Duration of Benefits to the State's Average Unemployment Rate”

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1, 2 and 3.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5.

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 4 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "12" and inserting the following: '18'

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 4 in the 7th line (page 2, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "5.5%" and inserting the following: '5%'

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 4 in the 8th line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "5.5%" and inserting the following: '5%'

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 4 in the 9th line (page 2, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "20" and inserting the following: '26'

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 4 in paragraph A in the 8th line (page 2, line 39 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "26 20" and inserting the following: '26'

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 4 in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) in division (c) in the 6th line (page 3, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "26 20" and inserting the following: '26'

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 4 in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) in division (c) in the last line (page 3, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "26 20" and inserting the following: '26'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 7, 8 and 9 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**Employment Security Services 0245**

Initiative: Allocates funds for the costs of making programming changes to establish the maximum amount of unemployment benefits at 18 weeks if the state's average unemployment rate is 5% or below and an additional week for every 0.5% the rate is above 5% to a maximum of 26 weeks of benefits.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
All Other	\$263,600	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$263,600</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. This amendment removes sections of the bill renaming the Employment Security Law the Reemployment Assistance Program. It changes the maximum amount of unemployment benefits to 18 weeks if the State’s average unemployment rate is 5% or below, with an additional week added for every 0.5% the rate is above 5% to a maximum of 26 weeks of benefits. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**