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REPLY TO:

Date: February 25, 2011
To: All Senators
From: Senator Christine M. Tartaglione
Subject: Co-sponsorship: Shared Work Legislation

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation which would create a "shared work" program within the Department of Labor and Industry by amending the Unemployment Compensation Law. Under this program, participating employers would be able to reduce work hours of employees as an alternative to layoffs and allow affected employees to receive prorated unemployment compensation for lost wages.

This legislation lays out the procedure for employers to obtain approval for their shared work plan, lays out the employer's responsibilities under this act, the process to modify the existing plan and criteria for participation.

The Department would be required to submit an annual report to the Governor, Chairman and Minority Chairman of the Labor and Industry Committee for both the House and the Senate. This legislation proposes a sunset date of five years.

If you would like to co-sponsor this proposed legislation, please contact Sherry Hess at 7-1141 or by email at SHess@pasenate.com.