

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MARCH 8, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937
 2 P.L.2897, No.1), entitled "An act establishing a system of
 3 unemployment compensation to be administered by the
 4 Department of Labor and Industry and its existing and newly
 5 created agencies with personnel (with certain exceptions)
 6 selected on a civil service basis; requiring employers to
 7 keep records and make reports, and certain employers to pay
 8 contributions based on payrolls to provide moneys for the
 9 payment of compensation to certain unemployed persons;
 10 providing procedure and administrative details for the
 11 determination, payment and collection of such contributions
 12 and the payment of such compensation; providing for
 13 cooperation with the Federal Government and its agencies;
 14 creating certain special funds in the custody of the State
 15 Treasurer; and prescribing penalties," in administration of
 16 act, providing for emergency unemployment compensation
 17 assistance.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 Section 1. The act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937
 21 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, is
 22 amended by adding a section to read:

23 Section 215. Emergency Unemployment Compensation
 24 Assistance.--(a) The Governor shall hire additional employes or
 25 reassign employes from other Commonwealth departments, boards or
 26 commissions, including full-time and part-time furloughed

1 employees, in accordance with sections 501 and 502 of the act of
2 April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The Administrative
3 Code of 1929," for the Office of Unemployment Compensation and
4 unemployment compensation service centers to ensure that
5 eligible claimants are able to receive the benefits provided
6 under this act. The Department of Labor and Industry shall hire
7 additional employes or reassign Commonwealth employes under this
8 subsection commensurate with need, if:

9 (1) The Commonwealth enters an extended benefit period as
10 defined by section 401-A.

11 (2) A state of disaster emergency is declared or a
12 declaration is renewed under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to
13 general authority of Governor).

14 (b) In determining whether the Department of Labor and
15 Industry needs to hire additional employes or reassign
16 Commonwealth employes, the Governor, in conjunction with the
17 Secretary of Labor and Industry, shall consult with all of the
18 following:

19 (1) The chair and minority chair of the Labor and Industry
20 Committee of the Senate.

21 (2) The chair and minority chair of the Labor and Industry
22 Committee of the House of Representatives.

23 (c) The Department of Labor and Industry shall hire
24 additional employes or reassign Commonwealth employes under
25 subsection (a) in a manner that preserves the health and safety
26 of the employes at the Office of Unemployment Compensation and
27 unemployment compensation service centers.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.