

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2890

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 2024

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2890.

As amended, this bill permits the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to appoint on a temporary basis three additional members to the Board of Review in the Division of Employment Security using either, or a combination of both, of the following two methods:

1. interim appointment, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 4A:4-1.6(d)3, of State employees who hold full-time primary employment in State service; or
2. appointment, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 4A:3-3.8, of individuals who do not hold full-time primary employment in State service to an intermittent title.

If the commissioner appoints three additional members of the Board of Review, increasing the board membership from three to six, the commissioner shall designate two separate panels from among the six board members, each of which shall be empowered to act independently of the other as a final appeals board in cases of benefit disputes, including appeals from determinations with respect to demands for refunds of benefits pursuant to subsection (d) of R.S.43:21-16. The commissioner may interchange panel members from among the six board members as operational needs dictate.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to reinsert existing statutory language prohibiting any board member from participating in a case in which the member is an interested party.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.