

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3096

By: Taylor of the House
and
Pugh of the Senate

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7 [labor - Employment Security Act of 1980 - effective
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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 1-221, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1-221. BENEFIT WAGES.

16 "Benefit wages" means the taxable wages earned by a claimant
17 during the claimant's base period which are not in excess of the
18 current maximum weekly benefit amount, as determined under Section
19 2-104 of this title, multiplied by the maximum number of weeks for
20 which benefits could be paid to any individual ~~(now twenty-six (26)~~
21 ~~weeks)~~ pursuant to Section 3 of this act multiplied by three (3);
22 provided, however, no wages shall be included as "benefit wages"
23 unless and until the claimant has been paid benefits for five (5)
24 weeks in one (1) benefit year.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-230 of Title 40, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 "State average unemployment rate" shall mean the average of the
5 three (3) months for the most recent third calendar year quarter or
6 the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates as published by the state
7 department or agency responsible for collecting and publishing
8 unemployment rate data.

9 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-110 of Title 40, unless there
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 For unemployment compensation claims submitted during a calendar
13 year, the duration of benefits is limited to:

14 1. Twelve (12) weeks if the state's average unemployment rate
15 is at or below five and one-half percent (5.5%);

16 2. An additional week in addition to the twelve (12) weeks for
17 each one-half percent (0.5%) increment in the state's average
18 unemployment rate above five and one-half percent (5.5%); and

19 3. Up to a maximum of twenty (20) weeks if the state's average
20 unemployment rate exceeds nine percent (9%).

21 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2020.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
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5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2020.

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