

HOUSE No. 4840

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 6, 2020.

The committee on Labor and Workforce Development to whom was referred the Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to military family support and unemployment transformation (House, No. 4192), reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4840) ought to pass.

For the committee,

STEPHAN HAY.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to military family support and unemployment transformation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Subsection (e) of section 25 of said chapter 151A of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the final paragraph and
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:--

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, no waiting period shall be allowed and
5 no benefits shall be paid to an individual under this chapter for the period of unemployment next
6 ensuing and until the individual has had at least eight weeks of work and in each of said weeks
7 has earned an amount equivalent to or in excess of the individual's weekly benefit amount after
8 having left work to accompany or join one's spouse or other person at a new locality; provided
9 that this disqualification shall not apply to an individual who has left work to accompany or join
10 the individual's spouse, who, being a service member on active service in the armed forces of the
11 United States, has relocated beyond commuting distance due to a permanent change of station;
12 provided further, however, that the service member has not been relocated in order to be
13 separated from service. If the individual's employer is liable for contributions under section 14

14 or 14C, such employer's account shall not be charged for any benefits paid out to the individual
15 under this paragraph.

16 SECTION 2. Section 1 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
17 inserting after subsection (g) the following 2 subsections:--

18 (g^{1/4}) "Director", the director of unemployment assistance.

19 (g^{1/3}) "Division", the department of unemployment assistance.

20 SECTION 3. Subsection (k) of said section 1 of said chapter 151A is hereby amended by
21 striking out the words "sections two, three, four A, five, six, and eight C" and inserting in place
22 thereof the words: - sections two, three, four A, five, six, six A, and eight C.

23 SECTION 4. Section 6 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
24 striking out subsection (v) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection: -

25 (v) service performed by a person committed to a custodial or penal institution.

26 SECTION 5. Subsection (j) of section 25 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is
27 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 326 through 328, the words "provided further, that the
28 amount deducted each week shall not exceed 25 per cent of the individual's weekly
29 unemployment benefit rate;".

30 SECTION 6. Section 29E of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
31 striking out, in lines 1, 15, 24, 36, and 50, each time it appears, the word "deputy".

32 SECTION 7. Said section 29E of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby further
33 amended by striking out, in line 38, the words "deputy director, with the approval of the".

34 SECTION 8. Subsection (e) of section 30A of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is
35 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 165 and 166, the words “employment and training” and
36 inserting in place thereof, the following words:- unemployment assistance.

37 SECTION 9. Subsection (c) of section 46 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is
38 hereby amended by adding the following 3 paragraphs:-

39 (8) to the United States department of labor, such information as required by law, or as a
40 condition of receiving federal administrative funding.

41 (9) to any federal, state, or local agency entitled to such information under the social
42 security act or any other federal law, information to the degree and in the manner prescribed by
43 such federal law or its implementing regulations.

44 (10) to any federal, state, or local agency, information sought by a grand jury subpoena or
45 other compulsory legal process served upon the department; provided that the department shall
46 provide the notification required by subsection (k) of section 2 of Chapter 66A before providing
47 any information sought by such subpoena or compulsory legal process.

48 SECTION 10. Said section 46 of said chapter 151A is hereby further amended by
49 striking out subsection (g).

50 SECTION 11. Section 47 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
51 striking out, in line 120, the words “employment and training” and inserting in place thereof, the
52 following words:- unemployment assistance.

53 SECTION 12. Subsection (f) of section 58 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is
54 hereby amended by striking out, in line 62, the words “employment and training” and inserting
55 in place thereof, the following words:- unemployment assistance.

56 SECTION 13. Subsection (a) of section 62A of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is
57 hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
58 paragraph:-

59 The department of unemployment assistance shall provide a minimum level of in-person
60 assistance at every career center operated or overseen by the MassHire department of career
61 services.

62 SECTION 14. Said section 62A of said chapter 151A is hereby further amended by
63 striking out, in lines 19 and 34, the word “deputy”.