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H.P. 308

House of Representatives, January 27, 2005

An Act To Allow Food Service Workers for Public Schools To Collect Unemployment Benefits

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and
Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, DUNN of Bangor, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor,
HUTTON of Bowdoinham, NORTON of Bangor, SMITH of Van Buren, TUTTLE of Sanford,
WALCOTT of Lewiston.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1192, sub-§7, ¶B, as amended by PL 1983, c. 13, §7, is further amended to read:

B. With respect to weeks of unemployment beginning after September 3, 1982, in any ~~other~~ capacity for an educational institution other than one described in paragraph A or as a food service worker, benefits ~~shall~~ are not be paid on the basis of those services to any individual for any week ~~which~~ that commences during a period between 2 successive academic years or terms if the individual performs those services in the first of the academic years or terms and there is annual written reasonable assurance that the individual will perform the services in the 2nd of that academic year or terms; except that if benefits are denied to any individual under this paragraph and the individual was not offered an opportunity to perform the services for the educational institution for the 2nd of those academic years or terms, the individual ~~shall-be~~ is entitled to a retroactive payment of benefits for each week for which the individual filed a timely claim for benefits and for which benefits were denied solely by reason of this paragraph;

SUMMARY

This bill makes a food service worker in a public school eligible to collect unemployment benefits in between 2 academic years, even if the worker has received written assurance that the worker will be employed by the school as a food service worker in the 2nd academic year.