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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 491,
L.D. 700, Bill, "An Act To Give Flexibility to Employees and Employers for Temporary
Layoffs"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 5 the following:

**'Sec. 6. Report by Department of Labor regarding effects of changes to
work search requirements.** The Department of Labor shall examine the effect on the
State's account in the federal Unemployment Trust Fund established pursuant to the
federal Social Security Act, Section 904 as a result of the enactment of the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 26, section 1192, subsection 14 creating an exemption from work search
requirements for temporarily laid off employees, referred to in this section as "the
exemption."

The department shall compile the results of its examination under this section,
including aggregate data regarding:

1. The number of employees who were eligible for the exemption and the number of
employers of those employees;

2. The number of employees who were paid benefits due to the exemption, the
number of employers of those employees and the dollar amount of those benefits paid
from the Unemployment Trust Fund; and

3. The number of employees who were approved by the department to receive more
than 6 weeks of paid benefits in a benefit year pursuant to the exemption, the number of
employers of those employees and the dollar amount of those benefits paid from the
Unemployment Trust Fund.

The department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
jurisdiction over labor matters no later than January 15, 2021 with the results of the
examination under this section, including the aggregate data under subsections 1, 2 and 3.
The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the First
Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.'

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Department of Labor to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters by January 15, 2021 regarding the effects of the exemption created to allow a temporarily laid off employee to obtain benefits from the Unemployment Trust Fund without completing the work search requirements, including aggregate data regarding the employees and employers affected and the amount of benefits paid. The committee is authorized to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the report.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: Amy Volk

(Senator VOLK)

COUNTY: Cumberland



Approved: 04/11/18 *MAC*

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An Act To Give Flexibility to Employees and Employers for Temporary Layoffs

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Volk of Cumberland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Labor to conduct the required examination and submit the required report by January 15, 2021 can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.