

**Senate File 303 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 303  
BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
BUSINESS RELATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1122)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to unemployment compensation extended benefits  
2 and including effective date and retroactive applicability  
3 provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENDED BENEFIT  
2 INDICATORS. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of chapter  
3 96, with respect to weeks of unemployment beginning on or after  
4 December 17, 2010, and ending four weeks prior to the last week  
5 for which the federal government funds one hundred percent  
6 of the cost of shareable extended unemployment compensation  
7 benefits and shareable regular unemployment compensation  
8 benefits as authorized by section 2005(a) of Tit. II of the  
9 federal Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling  
10 Families Act, of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment  
11 Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-5, as amended, for the purposes  
12 of section 96.19, subsections 21 and 32, and section 96.29,  
13 subsections 4 and 5:

14 1. There is a state "on" indicator for a week ending on  
15 or before December 31, 2011, or any other date established in  
16 federal law permitting this provision if the average rate of  
17 total seasonally adjusted unemployment under chapter 96 for the  
18 period consisting of the most recent three months for which  
19 data for all states are published before the close of the week  
20 equaled or exceeded six and one-half percent and equaled or  
21 exceeded one hundred ten percent of the average of the rates  
22 for any or all of the corresponding three-month periods ending  
23 in the three preceding calendar years.

24 2. There is a state "off" indicator for a week only if,  
25 for the period consisting of the week and the immediately  
26 preceding twelve weeks, neither subsection 1 nor section 96.19,  
27 subsection 21 or 30, specify that there is an "on" indicator.

28 3. A "high unemployment period" means any period during  
29 which an extended benefit period would be in effect if  
30 subsection 1 were applied by substituting "eight percent" for  
31 "six and one half percent". In a high unemployment period,  
32 section 96.29, subsection 4, shall be applied by substituting  
33 "eighty percent" for "fifty percent" under paragraph "a",  
34 subparagraph (1) and "twenty" for "thirteen" under paragraph  
35 "a", subparagraph (2).

1 4. For purposes of determining eligibility for extended  
2 unemployment compensation benefits under this Act, an  
3 individual's eligibility period shall include any week which  
4 begins in accordance with both of the following:

5 a. After the date as of which the individual exhausts all  
6 rights to emergency unemployment compensation.

7 b. During an extended benefit period that began on or  
8 before the date the individual exhausts all rights to emergency  
9 unemployment compensation.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the first  
11 Sunday occurring thirty days after enactment of this Act.

12 Sec. 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. For purposes of  
13 providing extended unemployment compensation benefits, this Act  
14 applies retroactively to weeks of unemployment beginning on or  
15 after December 17, 2010.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill provides alternate definitions for the indicators  
18 for unemployment compensation extended benefits dating from  
19 December 17, 2010, and until four weeks prior to the last week  
20 for which the federal government funds 100 percent of the cost  
21 of shareable extended unemployment compensation benefits and  
22 shareable regular unemployment compensation benefits. The bill  
23 sets out new criteria for weekly "on" and "off" indicators.  
24 The bill also defines a "high unemployment period", during  
25 which certain provisions of Code section 96.29(4), concerning  
26 total unemployment extended benefit amounts, are modified.  
27 The bill provides that an individual's eligibility period  
28 for extended unemployment compensation benefits under the  
29 bill includes a week which begins after the date as of which  
30 the individual exhausts all rights to emergency unemployment  
31 compensation and during an extended benefit period that began  
32 on or before the date the individual exhausts all rights to  
33 emergency unemployment compensation.

34 The bill takes effect on the first Sunday occurring 30 days  
35 after enactment.

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1 The bill applies retroactively to weeks of unemployment  
2 beginning on or after December 17, 2010, for purposes of  
3 providing extended unemployment compensation benefits.