

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
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Amend printed copy of **HB 4/SCS 1**

On page 1 line 26, to page 2 line 11, delete in its entirety and replace with:

"(5) "Regional average unemployment rate" means the seasonal adjusted regional unemployment rate that applies to the three (3) month period in which the claim is filed. One three (3) month period shall begin on January 1 of each year, one three (3) month period shall begin on April 1 of each year, one three (3) month period shall begin on July 1 of each year, and one three (3) month period shall begin on October 1 of each year. For each three (3) month period, the regional average unemployment rate shall be the average of the seasonal adjusted unemployment rate in the area development district encompassing the claimant's residence during the preceding three (3) month period prior to the period that the claim was filed in. In calculating the regional average unemployment rate, the cabinet shall utilize the most recent seasonal adjusted unemployment rate determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; and" and

On page 3, line 7, delete "shall" and insert "may" in lieu thereof; and

On page 8, line 25 to page 9, line 2, place brackets and strikethrough "~~For an initial claim made on or after January 1, 2012, he or she has served a waiting period of one (1) week, during which he or she has not received benefits. The waiting week period shall be the first compensable week of an initial claim for benefits for which he or she is eligible and qualified to receive~~

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Rep. Sen. Michael J. Nemes

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benefits under this chapter.]" and on page 9, line 3, insert "as long as federal funding has not been cut" after "consecutive"; and

On page 9, line 18, delete "five (5)" and insert "three (3)" in lieu thereof; and

On page 9, line 21, insert ", or asking in person for employment" after the second use of the word "employment"; and

On page 15, line 7, to page 17, line 1, delete in its entirety and replace it with:

“(1) The duration of benefits available to each eligible recipient based upon the regional average unemployment rate at the time of his or her application for benefits, up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) weeks, shall be as follows:

(a) Regional average unemployment rate of less than or equal to four and one-half percent (4.5%): twelve (12) weeks of benefits available;

(b) Regional average unemployment rate of greater than four and one-half percent (4.5%) up to and including five percent (5%): thirteen (13) weeks of benefits available;

(c) Regional average unemployment rate of greater than five percent (5%) up to and including five and one-half percent (5.5%): fourteen (14) weeks of benefits available;

(d) Regional average unemployment rate of greater than five and one-half percent (5.5%) up to and including six percent (6%): fifteen (15) weeks of benefits available;

(e) Regional average unemployment rate of greater than six percent (6%) up to and including six and one-half percent (6.5%): sixteen (16) weeks of benefits available;

(f) Regional average unemployment rate of greater than six and one-half percent (6.5%) up to and including seven percent (7%): seventeen (17) weeks of benefits available;

- (g) Regional average unemployment rate of greater than seven percent (7%) up to and including seven and one-half percent (7.5%): eighteen (18) weeks of benefits available;
- (h) Regional average unemployment rate of greater than seven and one-half percent (7.5%) up to and including eight percent (8%): nineteen (19) weeks of benefits available;
- (i) Regional average unemployment rate of greater than eight percent (8%) up to and including eight and one-half percent (8.5%): twenty (20) weeks of benefits available;
- (j) Regional average unemployment rate of greater than eight and one-half percent (8.5%) up to and including nine percent (9%): twenty-one (21) weeks of benefits available;
- (k) Regional average unemployment rate of greater than nine percent (9%) up to and including nine and one-half percent (9.5%): twenty-two (22) weeks of benefits available;
- (l) Regional average unemployment rate of greater than nine and one-half percent (9.5%) up to and including ten percent (10%): twenty-three (23) weeks of benefits available; and
- (m) Regional average unemployment rate of greater than ten percent (10%): twenty-four (24) weeks of benefits available.
- (2) The classification system set forth in subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to claimants with verified definite return-to-work or recall-to-work prospects within a period of sixteen (16) weeks from the date of filing of the initial or reopened claim, who shall instead receive one hundred percent (100%) of the weekly benefit rate for each week that they are otherwise eligible, up to sixteen (16) weeks unless the regional

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average unemployment rate is higher than six and one-half percent (6.5%), in which case the maximum duration of weeks for these claimants shall follow the classification system set forth in subsection (1) of this section.