

SB 226-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL

226-FN

AN ACT relative to eliminating the waiting period before eligibility to receive unemployment benefits.

SPONSORS: Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 5; Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Sen. Lasky, Dist 13; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Woodburn, Dist 1; Rep. MacKenzie, Hills. 17; Rep. Barody, Hills. 43; Rep. M. McCarthy, Hills. 29

COMMITTEE: Commerce

ANALYSIS

This bill eliminates the waiting period before eligibility to receive unemployment benefits.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

AN ACT relative to eliminating the waiting period before eligibility to receive
unemployment benefits.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Repeal. RSA 282-A:31, I(h)-(i), relative to the waiting period before eligibility to receive
2 unemployment benefits, are repealed.

3 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**SB 226-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☒ County ☒ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund			

COUNTY:

Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable

LOCAL:

Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable

METHODOLOGY:

This bill repeals the one week waiting period, required by RSA 282-A:31, I(h)-(i), before an eligible claimant may receive unemployment compensation benefits. New Hampshire Employment Security states claimants will continue to be eligible for 26 weeks of benefits as long as they are otherwise eligible, no longer needing to wait one week before they begin to receive benefits. Most claimants do not file for unemployment benefits for the full 26 weeks for which they are eligible, as they typically find employment prior to that time. Consequently, the State will pay for an additional week of unemployment benefits it would not pay for under current law that includes the one week waiting period. The Department estimates this will increase expenditures out of the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund by approximately \$3.4 million annually. However, during periods of higher unemployment the cost to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund could range from \$4 to \$6 million annually. Further, the Department assumes unemployment compensation benefit payments will increase annually for the State by \$43,022 and for counties and municipalities collectively by \$74,075. The Department is unable to break out county and local costs separately.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

New Hampshire Employment Security