

SB2045



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/6/2025, by Sen. Chris Balkema

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

820 ILCS 405/401.1 new

Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that the Department of Employment Security shall make payments to beneficiaries under the Act based on the State's average unemployment rate. Effective January 1, 2026.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning employment.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Unemployment Insurance Act is amended by
5 adding Section 401.1 as follows:

6 (820 ILCS 405/401.1 new)

7 Sec. 401.1. Formula for the duration of benefits.

8 (a) The Department of Employment Security shall make
9 payments to beneficiaries under this Act as follows:

10 (1) payments for 12 weeks if this State's average
11 unemployment rate is below 5%; and

12 (2) an additional week in addition to the 12 weeks for
13 each 0.5% increment in this State's average unemployment
14 rate above 5%, not to exceed 23 weeks if this State's
15 average equals or exceeds 10.5%.

16 (b) The Department shall calculate the State's average
17 unemployment rate and publish the rate on the Department's
18 publicly available website.

19 (c) This Section shall only apply to beneficiaries who
20 begin receiving benefits on or after the effective date of
21 this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly.

22 (d) The Department shall adopt rules to implement this
23 Section.

1 (e) If there is a conflict between a provision of this
2 Section and another Section of this Act, this Section
3 controls.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
5 1, 2026.