

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

UNEMPLOYMENT COMP: Requests the Louisiana Workforce Commission to provide clear, consistent, and easily accessible explanations of unemployment benefits and potential ramifications

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission to provide clear, consistent, and

3 easily accessible explanations of unemployment benefits and potential ramifications.

4 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana was dealt a serious blow when it was struck by

5 the unprecedented pandemic known as the coronavirus or COVID-19; and

6 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has left a staggering economical impact on

7 businesses and residents statewide; and

8 WHEREAS, as a result of the statewide shut down of non-essential businesses and

9 operations, there has been an increase in the number of individuals who have filed for

10 unemployment benefits; and

11 WHEREAS, the purpose of unemployment benefits is to provide temporary financial

12 assistance to a worker unemployed through no fault of his own; and

13 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Workforce Commission is the department charged with

14 the administration of unemployment benefits; and

15 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Workforce Commission has received funds through the

16 federal CARES Act, Public Law No: 116-136 and has begun to disburse payments, since

17 April 13, 2020; and

18 WHEREAS, individuals and employers look to the Louisiana Workforce

19 Commission for guidance regarding to the administration of unemployment benefits; and

1 WHEREAS, employers, who have suffered an economic blow as a result of the
2 COVID-19 pandemic, are anxious to reopen businesses and operations; and

3 WHEREAS, with the reopening of businesses, there will be a need for employees to
4 return to their jobs; and

5 WHEREAS, there has been concern about economic stability with plans to reopen
6 the state's economy; and

7 WHEREAS, there is some uncertainty in regards to employees returning to work and
8 those who may not return to work and continue to receive unemployment benefits.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission to provide clear and consistent
11 explanations of unemployment benefits and potential ramifications so the public may have
12 a better understanding of how unemployment benefits are administered during the COVID-
13 19 pandemic.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative authority for the request provided
15 for in this Resolution shall terminate on August 1, 2020.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

DIGEST

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Requests that the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) provides a clear, consistent, and easily accessible explanations of unemployment benefits and potential ramifications as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Provides that legislative authority for the report shall terminate on August 1, 2020.