## **103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

## State of Illinois

# 2023 and 2024

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Introduced 2/17/2023, by Rep. Jay Hoffman

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

820 ILCS 405/612

from Ch. 48, par. 442

Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that with respect to a week of unemployment beginning on or after March 15, 2020 (rather than beginning on or after March 15, 2020, and before September 4, 2021 (including any week of unemployment beginning on or after January 1, 2021 and on or before June 25, 2021)) benefits shall be payable to an individual on the basis of wages for employment in other than an instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity performed for an educational institution or an educational service agency under specified circumstances, as long as the individual is otherwise eligible for benefits.

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A BILL FOR

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1 AN ACT concerning employment.

# Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Unemployment Insurance Act is amended by 5 changing Section 612 as follows:

6 (820 ILCS 405/612) (from Ch. 48, par. 442)

Sec. 612. Academic personnel; ineligibility between
academic years or terms.

9 A. Benefits based on wages for services which are 10 employment under the provisions of Sections 211.1, 211.2, and 11 302C shall be payable in the same amount, on the same terms, 12 and subject to the same conditions as benefits payable on the 13 basis of wages for other services which are employment under 14 this Act; except that:

1. An individual shall be ineligible for benefits, on 15 16 the basis of wages for employment in an instructional, 17 research, or principal administrative capacity performed for an institution of higher education, for any week which 18 19 begins during the period between two successive academic 20 years, or during a similar period between two regular 21 terms, whether or not successive, or during a period of 22 paid sabbatical leave provided for in the individual's contract, if the individual has a contract or contracts to 23

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perform services in any such capacity for any institution or institutions of higher education for both such academic years or both such terms.

This paragraph 1 shall apply with respect to any week which begins prior to January 1, 1978.

6 2. An individual shall be ineligible for benefits, on 7 the basis of wages for service in employment in any capacity other than those referred to in paragraph 1, 8 9 performed for an institution of higher learning, for any 10 week which begins after September 30, 1983, during a 11 period between two successive academic years or terms, if 12 the individual performed such service in the first of such 13 academic years or terms and there is a reasonable 14 assurance that the individual will perform such service in 15 the second of such academic years or terms.

16 3. An individual shall be ineligible for benefits, on 17 the basis of wages for service in employment in any capacity other than those referred to in paragraph 1, 18 19 performed for an institution of higher education, for any week which begins after January 5, 1985, during an 20 21 established and customary vacation period or holiday 22 recess, if the individual performed such service in the 23 period immediately before such vacation period or holiday 24 recess and there is a reasonable assurance that the 25 individual will perform such service in the period 26 immediately following such vacation period or holiday - 3 - LRB103 29855 SPS 56264 b

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1 recess.

B. Benefits based on wages for services which are employment under the provisions of Sections 211.1 and 211.2 shall be payable in the same amount, on the same terms, and subject to the same conditions, as benefits payable on the basis of wages for other services which are employment under this Act, except that:

8 1. An individual shall be ineligible for benefits, on 9 the basis of wages for service in employment in an 10 instructional, research, or principal administrative 11 capacity performed for an educational institution, for any 12 week which begins after December 31, 1977, during a period between two successive academic years, or during a similar 13 14 period between two regular terms, whether or not. 15 successive, or during a period of paid sabbatical leave in the individual's contract, 16 provided for if the 17 individual performed such service in the first of such academic years (or terms) and if there is a contract or a 18 19 reasonable assurance that the individual will perform 20 service in any such capacity for any educational 21 institution in the second of such academic years (or 22 terms).

2. An individual shall be ineligible for benefits, on
the basis of wages for service in employment in any
capacity other than those referred to in paragraph 1,
performed for an educational institution, for any week

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1 which begins after December 31, 1977, during a period 2 between two successive academic years or terms, if the 3 individual performed such service in the first of such 4 academic years or terms and there is a reasonable 5 assurance that the individual will perform such service in 6 the second of such academic years or terms.

7 3. An individual shall be ineligible for benefits, on the basis of wages for service in employment in any 8 9 capacity performed for an educational institution, for any 10 week which begins after January 5, 1985, during an 11 established and customary vacation period or holiday 12 recess, if the individual performed such service in the period immediately before such vacation period or holiday 13 14 recess and there is a reasonable assurance that the 15 individual will perform such service in the period 16 immediately following such vacation period or holiday 17 recess.

4. An individual shall be ineligible for benefits on 18 19 the basis of wages for service in employment in any 20 capacity performed in an educational institution while in 21 the employ of an educational service agency for any week 22 which begins after January 5, 1985, (a) during a period 23 between two successive academic years or terms, if the 24 individual performed such service in the first of such 25 academic years or terms and there is a reasonable 26 assurance that the individual will perform such service in

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the second of such academic years or terms; and (b) during 1 2 an established and customary vacation period or holiday 3 recess, if the individual performed such service in the period immediately before such vacation period or holiday 4 5 recess and there is a reasonable assurance that the individual will perform such service in the period 6 7 immediately following such vacation period or holiday recess. The term "educational service agency" means a 8 9 governmental agency or governmental entity which is 10 established and operated exclusively for the purpose of 11 providing such services to one or more educational 12 institutions.

13 C. 1. If benefits are denied to any individual under the 14 provisions of paragraph 2 of either subsection A or B of this 15 Section for any week which begins on or after September 3, 1982 and such individual is not offered a bona fide opportunity to 16 17 perform such services for the educational institution for the second of such academic years or terms, such individual shall 18 19 be entitled to a retroactive payment of benefits for each week 20 for which the individual filed a timely claim for benefits as determined by the rules and regulations issued by the Director 21 22 for the filing of claims for benefits, provided that such 23 benefits were denied solely because of the provisions of paragraph 2 of either subsection A or B of this Section. 24

2. If benefits on the basis of wages for service in
26 employment in other than an instructional, research, or

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principal administrative capacity performed in an educational 1 2 institution while in the employ of an educational service agency are denied to any individual under the provisions of 3 subparagraph (a) of paragraph 4 of subsection B and such 4 5 individual is not offered a bona fide opportunity to perform such services in an educational institution while in the 6 7 employ of an educational service agency for the second of such academic years or terms, such individual shall be entitled to 8 9 a retroactive payment of benefits for each week for which the 10 individual filed a timely claim for benefits as determined by 11 the rules and regulations issued by the Director for the 12 filing of claims for benefits, provided that such benefits were denied solely because of subparagraph (a) of paragraph 4 13 of subsection B of this Section. 14

15 D. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Section or 16 paragraph 2 of subsection C of Section 500 to the contrary, 17 with respect to a week of unemployment beginning on or after March 15, 2020, and before September 4, 2021 (including any 18 19 week of unemployment beginning on or after January 1, 2021 and 20 on or before June 25, 2021 (the effective date of Public Act 21  $\frac{102-26}{r}$  benefits shall be payable to an individual on the 22 basis of wages for employment in other than an instructional, 23 research, or principal administrative capacity performed for an educational institution or an educational service agency 24 25 under any of the circumstances described in this Section, to 26 the extent permitted under Section 3304(a)(6) of the Federal

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- Unemployment Tax Act, as long as the individual is otherwise
   eligible for benefits.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 101-633, eff. 6-5-20; 102-26, eff. 6-25-21;
- 4 102-687, eff. 12-17-21.)