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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 491, L.D. 700, Bill, “An Act To Give Flexibility to Employees and Employers for Temporary Layoffs”

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. Report by Department of Labor regarding effects of changes to work search requirements. The Department of Labor shall examine the effect on the State's account in the federal Unemployment Trust Fund established pursuant to the federal Social Security Act, Section 904 as a result of the enactment of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1192, subsection 14 creating an exemption from work search requirements for temporarily laid off employees, referred to in this section as "the exemption."

The department shall compile the results of its examination under this section, including aggregate data regarding:

1. The number of employees who were eligible for the exemption and the number of employers of those employees;
2. The number of employees who were paid benefits due to the exemption, the number of employers of those employees and the dollar amount of those benefits paid from the Unemployment Trust Fund; and
3. The number of employees who were approved by the department to receive more than 6 weeks of paid benefits in a benefit year pursuant to the exemption, the number of employers of those employees and the dollar amount of those benefits paid from the Unemployment Trust Fund.

The department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters no later than January 15, 2021 with the results of the examination under this section, including the aggregate data under subsections 1, 2 and 3. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.'

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Department of Labor to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters by January 15, 2021 regarding the effects of the exemption created to allow a temporarily laid off employee to obtain benefits from the Unemployment Trust Fund without completing the work search requirements, including aggregate data regarding the employees and employers affected and the amount of benefits paid. The committee is authorized to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the report.

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