

SB 377-FN – AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL            **377-FN**

AN ACT                relative to unemployment compensation eligibility for participants in the return to work program.

SPONSORS:            Sen. Larsen, Dist 15; Sen. Houde, Dist 5; Sen. Kelly, Dist 10; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Merrill, Dist 21

COMMITTEE:          Commerce

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ANALYSIS

This bill extends the number of weeks a participant in the return to work program may receive unemployment while participating in the program.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Twelve*

AN ACT                    relative to unemployment compensation eligibility for participants in the return to work program.

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

1            1 Unemployment Compensation for Training Program Participants. Amend RSA 282-A:9, IV(x)  
2 to read as follows:

3                    (x) Participation in the New Hampshire return to work program in the department of  
4 employment security which provides a structured, supervised training opportunity to individuals  
5 through a designated employer/training partner. Individuals participate on a voluntary basis and  
6 claimants continue to receive unemployment compensation during the training period as long as they  
7 remain otherwise eligible. All participants in the training program shall be at least 18 years old and  
8 registered with the department to receive employment services. The training program duration is a  
9 maximum of [6] **12** weeks and a maximum of 24 hours per week.

10            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**SB 377-FN - FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Department of Employment Security states this bill may increase state, county and local expenditures, and state restricted revenue by an indeterminable amount in FY 2012 and each year thereafter. There is no fiscal impact on county and local revenue.

**METHODOLOGY:**

The Department of Employment Security states this bill extends the duration of the training program from six weeks to twelve weeks. The Department assumes a percentage of jobs offered at the end of the six week program will now be offered at some point between the sixth and twelfth week of the program. This may impact the Unemployment Trust fund if the individual is a claimant and would have been offered a job by the end of the sixth week is now offered a job between the sixth and twelfth week. The Department assumes, based on its best estimates, 22 individuals participating in the program will not be offered jobs until week nine and another 22 individuals would not be offered jobs until week twelve. If all individuals are claimants and remain eligible to receive unemployment benefits during the training period, this may increase Unemployment Trust fund expenditures by approximately \$56,889. To the extent a claimant was an employee of the state, county or municipality, there may be increased costs as the state and its political subdivisions are billed for the payments made to a claimant from the fund.