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HOUSE BILL **1499-FN**

AN ACT amending the definitions of “full-time” and “part-time” work; and establishing a committee to study the unemployment trust fund.

SPONSORS: Rep. Goley, Hills 8; Rep. Infantine, Hills 13; Rep. G. Richardson, Merr 10; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Pierce, Dist 5

COMMITTEE: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Amends the definitions of “full-time” and “part-time” work.
- II. Establishes a committee to study the unemployment trust fund.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

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

1 1 Definitions; Employment. Amend RSA 282-A:9, VIII-IX to read as follows:

2 VIII. “Full-time work” is [~~work in employment of at least 37.5 hours a week~~] **services for**  
3 **the number of hours that is considered full-time by the industry in which the individual is**  
4 **seeking work, or by the person or entity for which services are or will be performed, but not**  
5 **less than 35 hours per week.**

6 IX. “Part-time work” is [~~work in employment of at least 20 hours a week but less than 37.5~~  
7 ~~hours a week~~] **services of at least 20 hours per week but for fewer hours in a week than full-**  
8 **time work as defined by paragraph VIII. Such services shall include self-employment.**

9 2 New Subdivision; Unemployment Trust Fund Study Committee. Amend RSA 282-A by  
10 inserting after section 82-a the following new subdivision:

11 Unemployment Trust Fund Study Committee

12 282-A:82-b Unemployment Trust Fund Study Committee.

13 I. There is established a committee to study the unemployment trust fund.

14 II. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

15 (a) Three members of the senate, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the president of the  
16 senate, and one of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader.

17 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the  
18 speaker of the house of representatives, and one appointed by the minority leader of the house of  
19 representatives.

20 III. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
21 the duties of the committee.

22 IV. The committee shall study the effect on the unemployment compensation trust fund of  
23 the contribution rate reduction trigger levels in RSA 282-A:82 and RSA 282-A:82-a, as well as the  
24 effect of increasing benefits paid to recipients.

25 V. The chairperson of the committee shall be the first named senate member, who shall call  
26 the first meeting within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the  
27 committee shall constitute a quorum.

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1           VI. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
2 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
3 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2014.

4           3 Repeal. RSA 282-A:82-b, relative to the unemployment trust fund study committee is  
5 repealed.

6           4 Effective Date.

7           I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2014.

8           II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1499-FN FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Department of Employment Security states this bill, **as amended by the Senate (Amendment #2014-1808s)**, may decrease state, county, and local expenditures by an indeterminable amount in FY 2015 and each year thereafter. There is no fiscal impact on state, county, and local revenue.

**METHODOLOGY:**

The Department of Employment Security states this bill amends the definitions of “full-time work” and “part-time work.” The bill also establishes a committee to study the effect of contribution rate reduction trigger levels in statute and increasing the benefits paid to recipients will have on the trust fund. The Department states the definition changes may impact a claimant’s continued eligibility for unemployment benefits. To the extent a claimant was an employee of the state, county or municipality, there may be decreased costs as the state and its political subdivisions are billed for the payments made to a claimant from the fund. The Department has no way to estimate with any degree of certainty the fiscal impact of this bill.