

**REPORT OF THE
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE STUDYING**

**THE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS
OF THE VIRGINIA
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND**

**TO THE GOVERNOR AND
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA**



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TO: The Honorable James S. Gilmore, III, Governor,
and
the General Assembly of Virginia

I. INTRODUCTION

The Joint Subcommittee Studying the Funding Requirements of the Virginia Unemployment Trust Fund (the Trust Fund) was continued for another year in 1999 by HJR 589 (Appendix A). Each year since its establishment in 1977, the subcommittee is briefed on the status of the Trust Fund by the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC). In addition, the subcommittee reviews and recommends major revisions to the Unemployment Compensation Act, as proposed from time to time by the VEC and by representatives of business and organized labor.

The following General Assembly members were appointed to the joint subcommittee: Senators Chichester from Stafford, Holland from Windsor, Y. B. Miller from Norfolk, Puckett from Buchanan, and Watkins from Chesterfield, together with Delegates Rust from Fairfax, Hull from Falls Church, D. C. Jones from Richmond, Kilgore from Suffolk, and Spruill from Chesapeake.

The joint subcommittee met in Richmond on November 23, 1999. Delegate Rust had been elected vice-chairman of the joint subcommittee in 1998 under SJR 77. Due to Senator Jackson Reasor's departure from the General Assembly prior to the 1999 Session, Delegate Rust called the joint subcommittee's 1999 meeting. As a quorum of members was not in attendance at the meeting, an election of officers was not held and Delegate Rust continued in his position as vice-chairman.

At this meeting, VEC Commissioner Dr. Thomas J. Towberman briefed the members on the status of the Unemployment Trust Fund. The subcommittee also considered HJR 752 (1999), HB 1573 (1999), HB 1574 (1999), and HJR 249, a proposal for continuing the joint subcommittee prepared for introduction during the 2000 Session of the General Assembly.

II. OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

The Federal-State Unemployment Insurance System. Virginia's unemployment insurance program is derived from both federal and state statutes. The dual system, initiated in the Social Security Act of 1935, provides temporary financial relief to Americans who are unemployed through no fault of their own and looking for work. The program is designed to ensure that at least a significant portion of basic living expenses can be paid while an employee searches for suitable work. State unemployment programs are compelled to conform to federal standards through the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, which provides for a payroll tax on virtually all employers but allows employers a credit against the federal tax for the taxes paid to a conforming state unemployment insurance program. Each state administers a separate unemployment insurance program within minimum guidelines established by Federal statute. Eligibility and the amount and duration of benefits are determined by each state.

Unemployment Taxes. A combination of federal and state taxes are levied upon employers to fund unemployment benefits. The proceeds from the unemployment taxes are deposited in the federally-maintained Unemployment Trust Fund. Each state has a separate account in the Unemployment Trust Fund to which deposits are made. As used herein, "Trust Fund" refers to Virginia's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund. Virginia employers with one or more employees pay Trust Fund taxes on employee wages up to \$8,000. The taxes are "experience rated," which means that those employers with higher levels of qualifying claims will pay higher tax rates. The minimum tax rate for Virginia's employers is 0.0 percent if the Trust Fund achieves 100 percent solvency; otherwise, it is 0.1 percent. The maximum rate is 5.4 percent. New employers without significant experience are initially charged a tax rate of 2.5 percent.

Employers are also charged a "pool tax" to cover benefits paid out from the Trust Fund that cannot be charged to specific employers. Pool costs include (i) benefit payments made to employees of employers no longer in business and (ii) coverage of benefit payment costs that cannot be recovered from maximum-rated employers to whom they are attributable because of the 5.4 percent cap. If the Trust Fund solvency level is at 50 percent or more, however, pool taxes are offset by interest earned on the Trust Fund. The Trust Fund is also supplemented by a 0.2 percent "fund-building" tax whenever the Trust Fund's solvency level drops below 50 percent.

Unemployment Compensation Benefits. Unemployment compensation benefits are paid from the Trust Fund, which is comprised of taxes collected from Virginia employers. Moneys in the Trust Fund are used solely for paying unemployment compensation benefits to unemployed Virginians. The weekly benefit amount is calculated to provide an eligible unemployed worker wage replacement benefits equal to approximately 52 percent of his pre-unemployment wage, for workers whose benefit is not affected by the statutory maximum weekly benefit. An employee's weekly benefit is determined by dividing the amount earned in the highest two of the last four quarters immediately preceding the quarter in which he became unemployed (the "base period") by 50. To qualify for benefits, Virginia employees must have earned at least \$2,500 in total wages in the two quarters of the base period in which earnings were highest. At this minimum-qualifying level, such employees would receive a weekly benefit amount of \$50. The maximum weekly benefit is currently \$230, and was scheduled to increase to \$232 as of July 1, 2000. However, upon the passage of SB 779 (2000) (described on page 5 of this report), the maximum weekly benefit amount will be \$268. The duration of benefits, a minimum of 12 weeks and a maximum of 26 weeks, is determined based on the total amount of wages earned in the base period.

Virginia Program Administration. The Virginia Employment Commission administers the Commonwealth's unemployment insurance program. Title 60.2 of the Code of Virginia prescribes the VEC's duties, which include (i) collecting taxes to fund the program; (ii) processing and paying benefit claims; (iii) providing administrative adjudication of contested claims; (iv) ensuring that the Trust Fund is adequately funded; (v) operating a job service program; (vi) providing employment and unemployment statistics; and (vii) implementing the federal Workforce Investment Act.

The VEC's administrative costs, as well as federal administrative costs, are paid from the proceeds of a separate FUTA payroll tax, equal to 0.8 percent of the first \$7,000 of wages (or \$56 per employee per year), collected from Virginia employers by the Internal Revenue Service. The VEC administrative funding level is based upon the U.S. Department of Labor's estimate of VEC's administrative expenses. Presently, the Commonwealth receives back from the federal government approximately 33 percent (\$56 million of \$171 million paid in fiscal year 1998) of the amount paid to the account by Virginia employers. These administrative funds are maintained separately from money in the Trust Fund.

III. VEC BRIEFING

The presentation by Commissioner Towberman to the joint subcommittee on November 23, 1999, highlighted an overall improvement in the Commonwealth's key unemployment statistics from 1998 to 1999 (Appendix B). Many unemployment rates are at the lowest levels in 30 years.

Data comparing 1998 and 1999 revealed that:

- Most unemployment rates in 1999 have been below the same-month 1998 rates.
- Total initial claims were down about 4.8 percent from 1998 to 1999.
- First payments to claimants were down 6.6 percent during this period.
- Final payments to claimants in the first eight months of 1999 were 6.7 percent below the 1998 levels.
- Projected overall benefit payouts will be slightly lower in 1999 than in 1998.

Section 60.2-533 directs the VEC to determine the adequate balance of Virginia's account in the Trust Fund as of each July 1. The formula for determining the adequacy of the balance is designed to calculate how much money the Trust Fund would need to pay unemployment compensation benefits for a 16.5-month period if (i) benefit payments were at the highest levels recorded during the past 20 years and (ii) the Trust Fund received no income during this interval. The amount required for an adequate fund balance is obtained by multiplying 1.38 by the product of (i) the average of the three highest ratios of benefits to total wages in the past 20 years and (ii) total wages paid by taxable employers for the year ending June 30. The solvency level is determined by dividing the June 30 balance in the Trust Fund by the amount required to meet the statutory test for an adequate balance.

The VEC advised the joint subcommittee that the solvency level of the Trust Fund for the year ending June 30, 1999, was 107.1 percent. This figure represents a 7.2 percent decrease over the final fiscal year 1998 solvency level of 114.3 percent of adequacy. The decline in the solvency level was attributed to employment and wages growing faster than tax revenues.

The balance in the Trust Fund as of January 1, 1999, was \$981.2 million, up from \$958.2 million on January 1, 1998. The VEC projected the Trust Fund balance to be around \$1.003 billion by the end of 1999.

The VEC also reported that:

- Tax revenue declined from \$143.4 million in 1998 to \$138.2 million in 1999.
- Interest revenue increased due to higher Trust Fund balances and higher interest rates paid by the U. S. Treasury.
- Benefit payments declined slightly, despite legislated benefit increases, due to a better economy.

The VEC also presented projections showing that the Trust Fund balance will decline from its 1999 level of more than \$1 billion to less than \$800 million in 2003. Over the same period, the amount required to maintain Trust Fund solvency will exceed the projected balance in 2000 through 2002. These projections assumed no further legislative changes in taxes or benefits.

Responding to a request from the joint subcommittee, the VEC also provided the panel with information regarding the wages and benefits available to unemployed individuals in Virginia and other states. These data list the 1998 average weekly wage in each state (plus the District of Columbia and the national average), as well as minimum and maximum weekly benefit amounts, their percentage of the weekly wage, the average tax paid per employer, and a ranking in each category (Appendix C).

IV. 1999 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

A. House Joint Resolution 752 (1999)

Delegate Devolites presented HJR 752 (1999), which had been referred to the House Finance Committee by letter of the Speaker. The resolution called for a study of unemployment tax audits for small businesses. A number of small businesses hire consultants to perform work. VEC auditors have questioned whether consultants are employees rather than independent contractors. It has been alleged that the VEC's criteria for distinguishing employees and independent contractors are lengthy and difficult for small businesses to understand. Many of these small businesses are audited by the VEC and, in the case of a negative result, must pay large sums in back taxes for persons whom the business treated as independent contractors, but whom the VEC determined to be employees.

Representatives of the VEC explained the audit process to the joint subcommittee and Delegate Devolites. The Commission is required by the U.S. Department of Labor to perform approximately 3,100 audits each year, including 50 audits of businesses that have a payroll of less than \$1 million. Businesses are given as much notice as possible to prepare for an audit, and audit results yield as many employer overpayments of taxes as underpayments. The Commission recognized the dilemma surrounding companies that hire independent contractors. In determining what constitutes an employee or an independent contractor for tax purposes, the Commission examines the type of services the contractor provides, whether the contractor has his or her own business, and how much control the employer has over the work of the contractor.

The businesses that are audited are chosen from a computer database of employers filing tax and wage information. In the last set of more than 3,000 audits, 967 businesses were found to be over- or underpaying unemployment taxes. The joint subcommittee asked the VEC to help educate these small businesses about VEC regulations on this subject, because the penalties for noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations are so great that small businesses may cease to operate following results of an unfavorable audit. The VEC undertook to examine the feasibility of including education information in its handbook provided to all employers.

B. House Bill 1573 and House Bill 1574 (1999)

Delegate Hull presented two of his bills from the 1999 session to the joint subcommittee. HB 1573 and HB 1574 attempt to address a problem experienced by citizens who collect Social Security benefits and also file for unemployment compensation. Under the current statutory framework, the amount of unemployment compensation paid is reduced by the amount of any pension or Social Security benefit received. Congress passed a retroactive Social Security benefit increase, and certain individuals were informed that they had to refund to the Commission amounts for unemployment benefits already received, but not reduced by the amount of the new Social Security benefit. After some discussion regarding the fiscal impact of these bills, it was agreed that a bill for the relief of specific individuals would accomplish the goals of HB 1574 with little impact to the Trust Fund.

C. House Joint Resolution 249 (2000)

The joint subcommittee discussed introducing legislation during the 2000 Session of the General Assembly to continue the ongoing study of the funding requirements of the Unemployment Trust Fund. Members of the joint subcommittee discussed the possibility of making the joint subcommittee a permanent commission, but felt that the Governor's vetoes of similar proposals in the past made the passage of such legislation unlikely. The General Assembly approved House Joint Resolution 249 (Appendix G), continuing the study for another year, though amendments in the House Rules Committee increased the number of members from 10 to 12, removed language ensuring continuity of existing members, and eliminated the requirement that the appointees serve on the House Labor and Commerce or Senate Commerce and Labor Committees.

V. 2000 LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE TRUST FUND

A. Senate Bill 779

Senate Bill 779 (Appendix H), patroned by Senator Hawkins, increases the maximum weekly unemployment benefit from \$230 to \$268, effective retroactively to November 28, 1999. The bill waives the statutory waiting week for employees whose employer terminated operations, closed its business, or declared bankruptcy without paying final wages earned. Also under this measure, former employees whose work requires shift work will no longer be deemed unavailable for work if the individual is currently enrolled in one or more classes of education related to employment or is continuing in a certificate or degree program at an institution of higher education, provided that such enrollment only limits the employee's availability for work in one shift and the employee is otherwise available to work any other shifts. The estimated impact of the measure on the Trust Fund averages about \$18 million per year during the next three years. The bill passed both the House and Senate, and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

B. House Bill 794

The House Labor and Commerce Committee carried over HB 794 (Appendix I), introduced by Delegate Wagner, which would have established a process to limit the growth of the Trust Fund balance above \$1 billion. The bill establishes a holding account, into which moneys in the clearing account shall be deposited. Such funds currently are credited from the clearing account directly into Virginia's account in the federal Unemployment Trust Fund. According to the proposal, any amounts collected after the Trust Fund balance reaches \$1 billion will remain in the holding account for restoration of the Trust Fund balance to \$1 billion, if the balance decreases, or, if the holding account balance reaches \$50 million, for refund to employers who paid into the Trust Fund while the Trust Fund balance exceeded \$1 billion. The Labor and Commerce Committee felt that this is a complex issue requiring the study of the joint subcommittee to determine the feasibility of this type of measure and its potential impact on the Trust Fund.

C. House Bill 955

The House Labor and Commerce Committee also carried over House Bill 955 (Appendix J), introduced by Delegate Jackson, which sought to address inequities faced by unemployed workers who are eligible for certain NAFTA-related benefits under the federal Trade Act of 1974. The bill would have exempted these workers, if they are in an approved job training

program, from the 30-day employment requirement for their second claim. The VEC contended that the approach in the bill would not likely comply with federal law, and that alternatives may be more appropriate for legislative consideration.

VI. CONCLUSION

The joint subcommittee will consider and evaluate referred legislative measures and the impact on the Trust Fund balance of legislation adopted by the 2000 Session of the General Assembly, as well as any new proposals for legislation, as it continues its work in 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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1999 SESSION

ENROLLED

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 589

Continuing the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Funding Requirements of the Virginia Unemployment Trust Fund.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 25, 1999

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 1999

WHEREAS, each year since 1977 a joint subcommittee consisting of members of the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee and members of the House Labor and Commerce Committee has met to study the funding requirements of the Virginia Unemployment Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, such joint subcommittee met in 1998 pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 77 (1998) to review the current status and long-term projections for the Unemployment Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Unemployment Trust Fund is financed by Virginia's employers and drawn on by working Virginians who become unemployed and must rely on such fund for unemployment compensation benefits; and

WHEREAS, continued legislative oversight of such fund is warranted to ensure its adequacy to meet current and projected benefit payments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Funding Requirements of the Virginia Unemployment Trust Fund be continued. The joint subcommittee's membership shall remain the same, with any vacancies to be filled by the Speaker of the House in accordance with the principles of Rule 16 of the Rules of the House of Delegates and the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, as appropriate.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$3,000.

The Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the study. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee, upon request.

The joint subcommittee shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2000 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

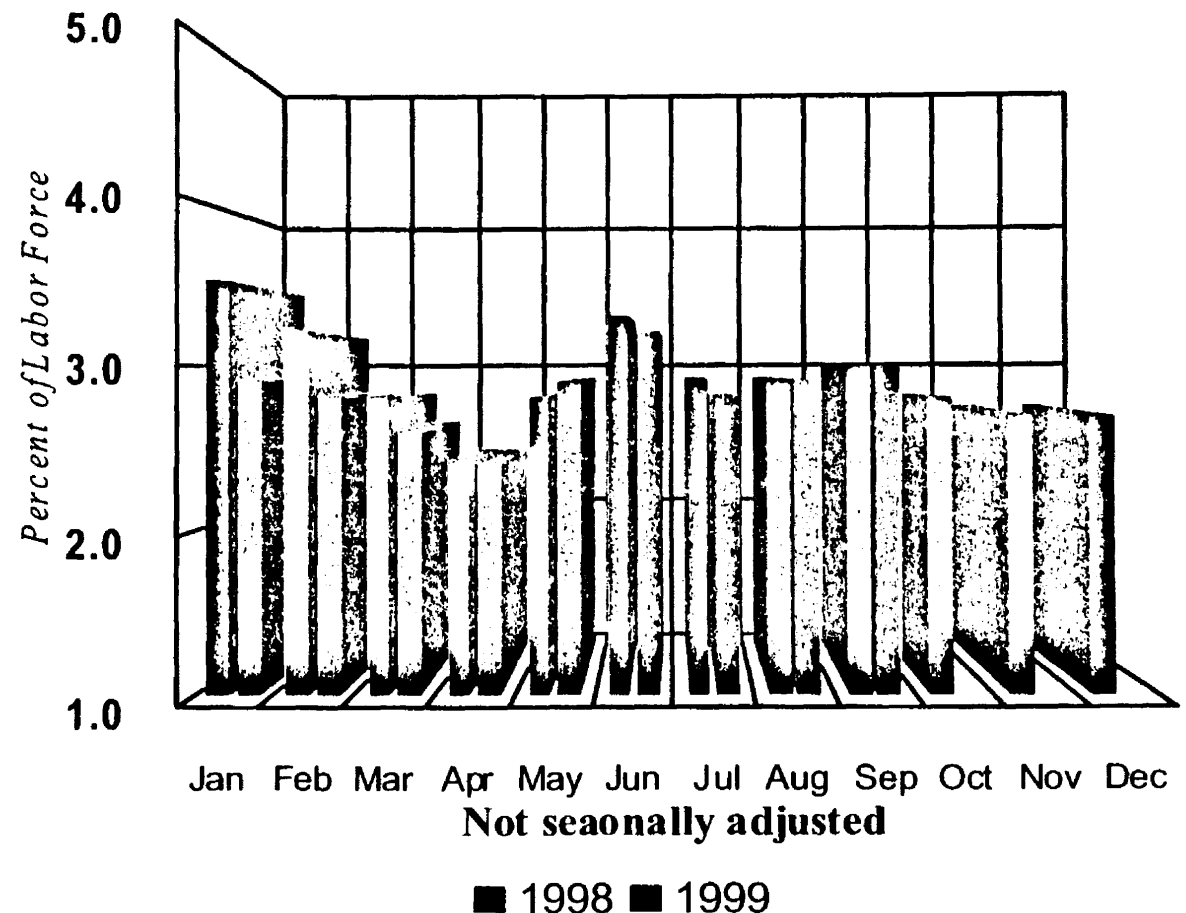
Trust Fund Overview

Virginia Employment Commission
Dr. Thomas J. Towberman, Commissioner
November 1999



Virginia's Unemployment Rate 1998 vs. 1999

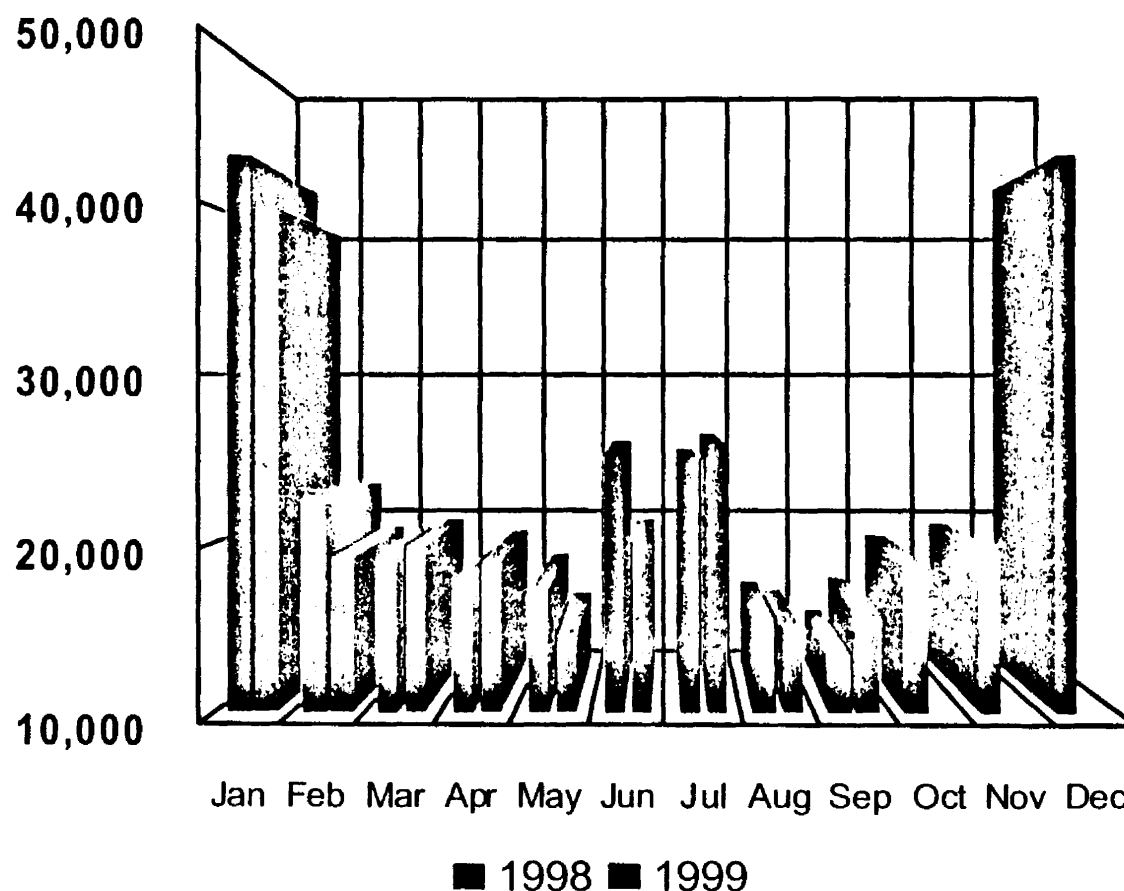
- Most unemployment rates in 1999 have been below the same-month 1998 rates. Many rates are 30-year lows.
- Higher unemployment is present in Southwest, Southside, Northern Neck, Eastern Shore, and older urban areas.



U.I. Initial Claims

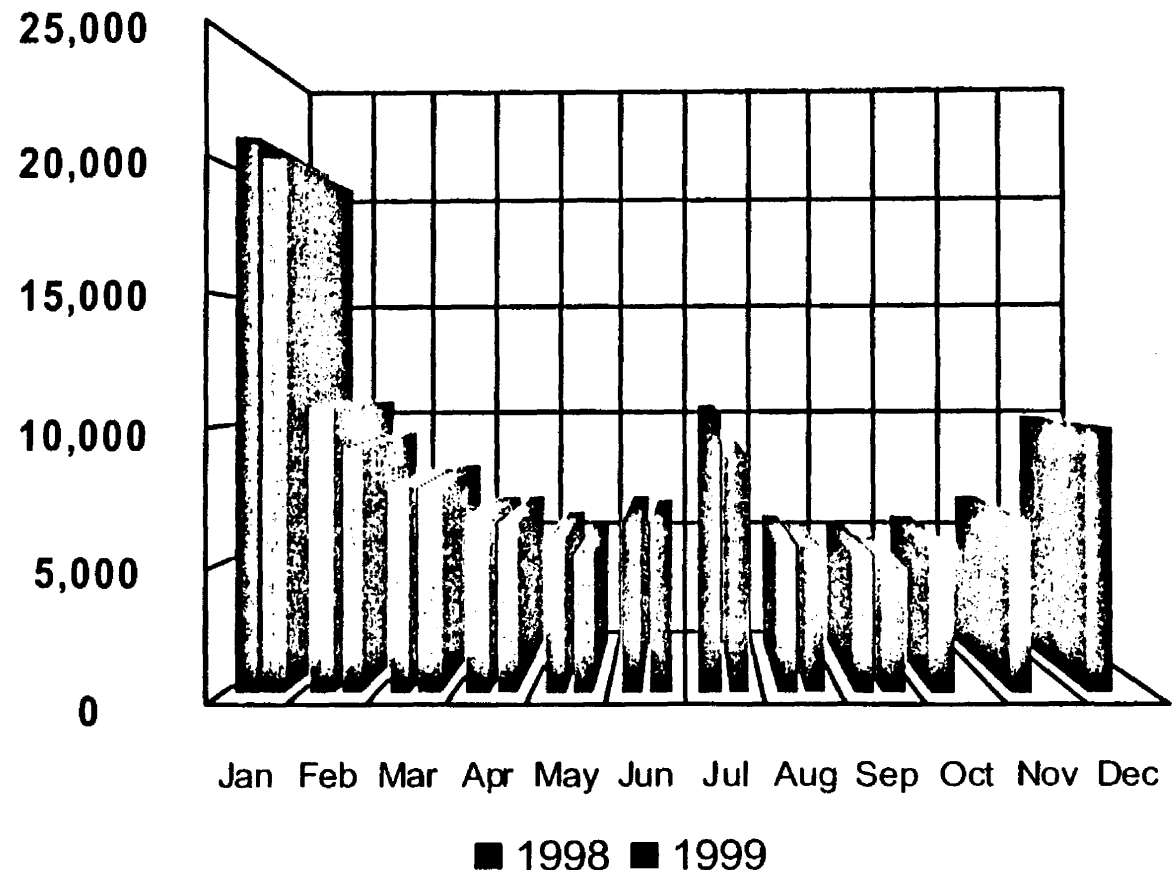
1998 vs. 1999

- Total initial claims this year are down 4.8% from 1998 to 1999 for two reasons:
 - better economy (more jobs in services, construction and trade)
 - another mild winter
- Average duration of unemployment since January 1999 has been 10 weeks.



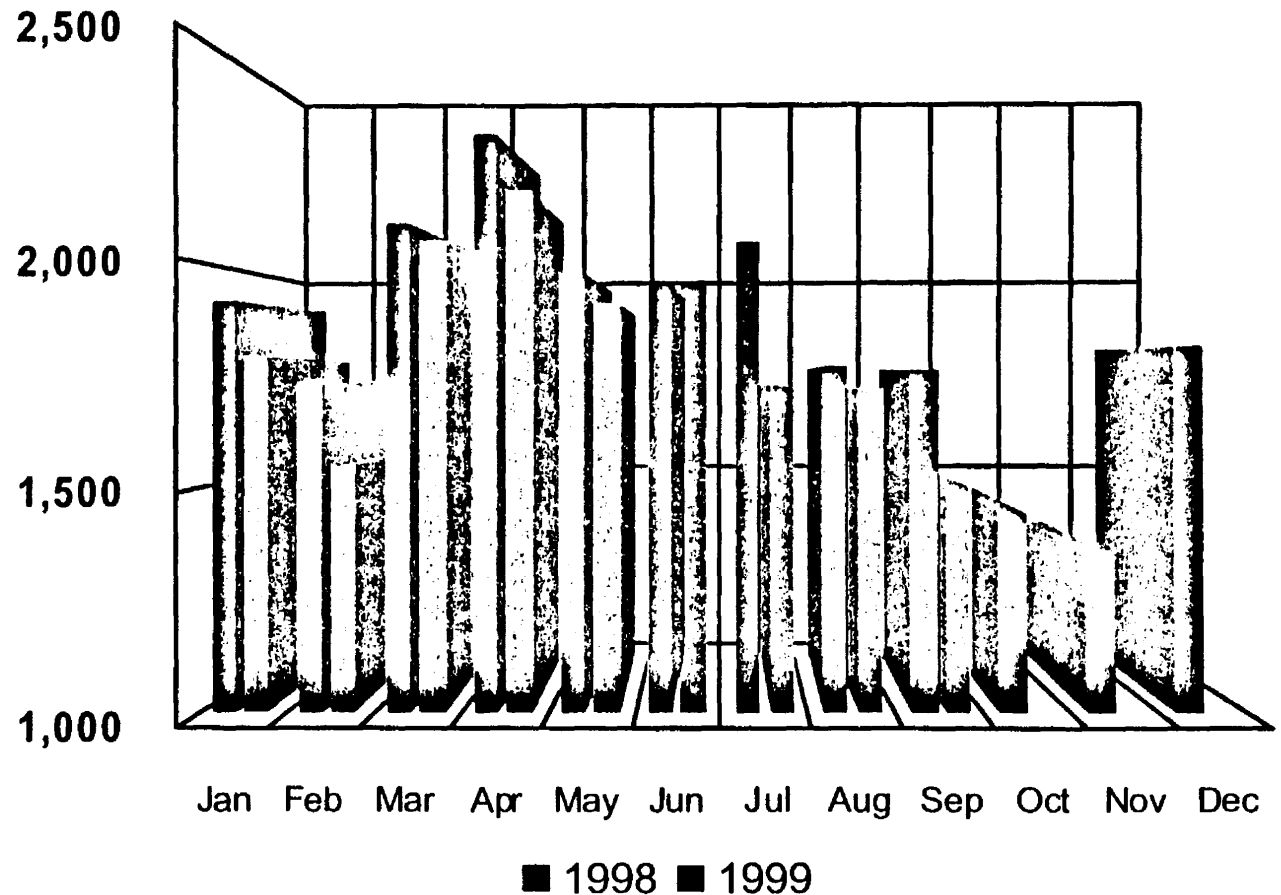
U.I. First Payments 1998 vs. 1999

- A claimant can receive only one First Payment in his benefit year; so First Payments are a good proxy for the number of claimants receiving unemployment benefits.
- First Payments are down 6.6% from last year.



U.I. Final Payments 1998 vs. 1999

- For the first nine months, Final Payments are down 6.7% from 1998 to 1999.
- The exhaustion rate this year has been about 21.4%.



U.I. Benefits

- Benefits are paid to workers unemployed through no fault of their own.
- Benefit levels set by the General Assembly:
 - minimum weekly benefit \$50 (July 1999)
 - maximum weekly benefit \$230 (July 1999)
- Benefits determined by earnings in first 4 of last 5 completed calendar quarters. This is called the Base Period.
- Otherwise eligible claimants are not paid for first week of unemployment. This is called the Waiting Week.

Legislative Recap: Weekly Benefits

Year	Maximum	Minimum	Minimum Qualifying Earnings
1996	\$224	\$65	\$3,250
1997	\$226	\$60	\$3,000
1998	\$228	\$55	\$2,750
1999	\$230	\$50	\$2,500
2000	\$232	\$50	\$2,500

Legislative Recap: Weekly Benefits

- Approximately 5,549 new claimants were monetarily eligible since lower earnings requirement became effective on July 1, 1997.

U.I. Taxes

- Taxes are paid by employers to the VEC on first \$8,000 of each employee's wages.
- Tax rates are set by General Assembly:
 - minimum tax 0.0% or \$0 per employee (97,600 employers)
 - maximum tax 5.4% or \$432 per employee (2,200 employers)
- Individual employer's tax rate determined by:
 - Trust Fund solvency level
 - employer's experience over last 4 years
- Two surtaxes can also be levied:
 - Pool Tax used to recover benefits that cannot be charged to a specific employer
 - Fund-Building Tax used to push solvency over 50%

Trust Fund Solvency

Adequate Fund Balance

- Solvency = 1.38 X Average Cost Rate X Wages
- 1.38 represents 16.5 months of benefits with no revenue
- Average Cost Rate is the average of 3 highest ratios of benefits to total wages in the past 20 years
- Wages are total wages paid by taxable employers for the year ending June 30
- Solvency Level = June 30 balance divided by Adequate Fund Balance

VEC Administrative Funding

- Employers also pay a FUTA tax to the Internal Revenue Service (FUTA is the Federal Unemployment Tax Act).
- FUTA is a flat tax of 0.8% on first \$7,000 of each employee's wages which costs \$56 per employee per year.

VEC Administrative Funding

- Revenue from the FUTA tax is used to pay for SESA (State Employment Security Agency) administration at both the state and national levels.
- Virginia's employer's paid over \$171 million in FUTA taxes in FY 1998.
- VEC receives about \$56 million from U.S. DOL.

Trust Fund Data

(Millions of Dollars)

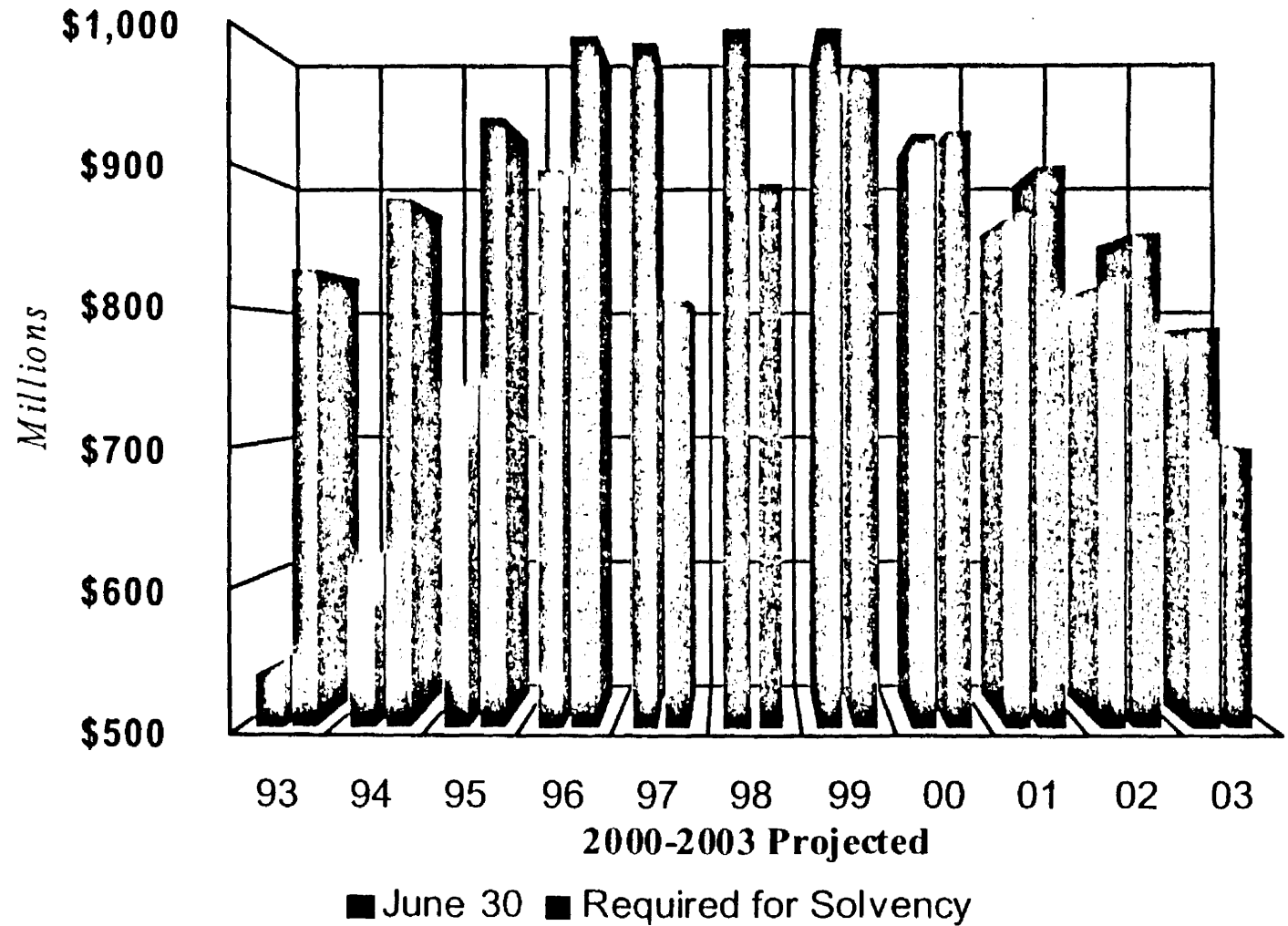
	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Projected)
January 1 Balance	\$958.2	\$981.2 (Actual)
Tax Revenue	\$143.4	\$138.2
Interest Revenue	\$66.4	\$67.1
Benefits	\$186.8	\$183.6
Dec 31 Balance	\$981.2	\$1,002.9
Solvency Level (6/30)	114.3%	107.1% (Actual)

Trust Fund Data

- Tax revenue will decline because of 1997 legislated tax cut and fewer benefit charges.
- Interest revenue shows small increase because of slightly higher Trust Fund balances.
- Better economy means benefit payments show small decline despite legislated benefit increases.
- The Fund should be up by about \$22 million by the end of the year.
- The solvency level decreased by 7 percentage points from 1998 due to employment and wages growing faster than tax revenues.

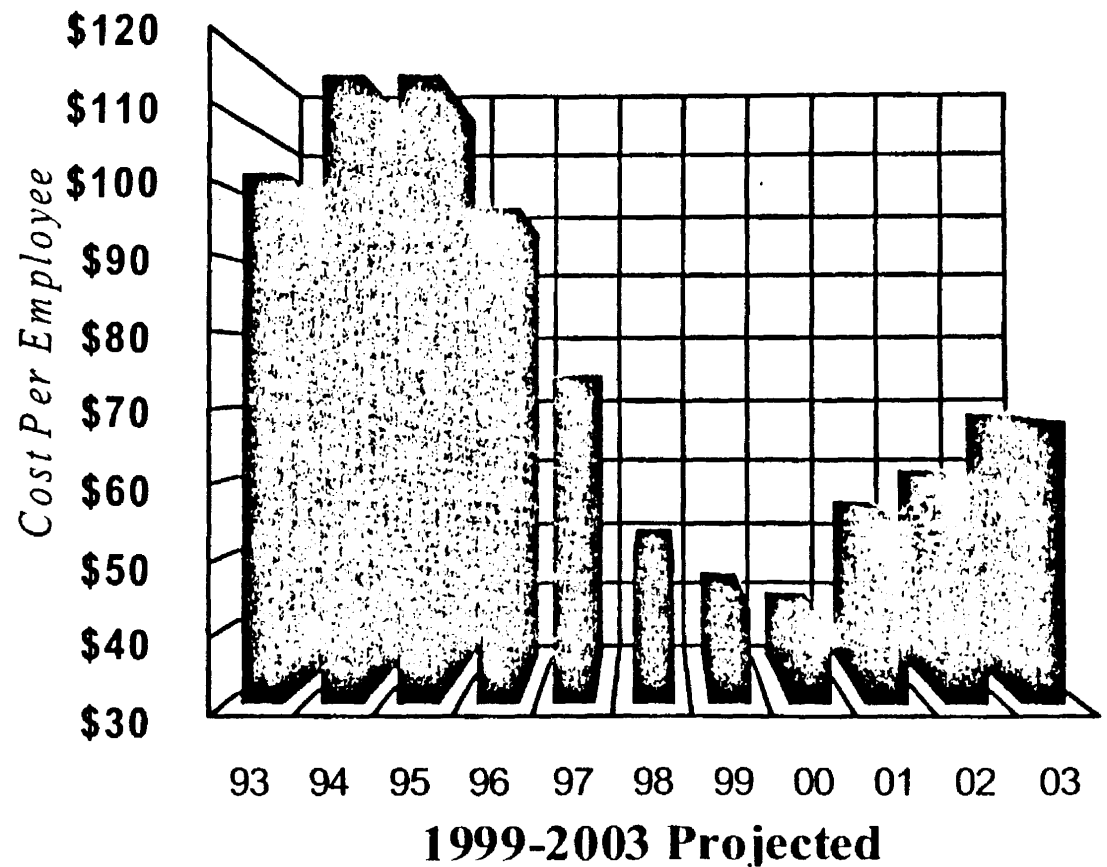
Trust Fund Balances

Projections assume no further legislated changes in benefits or taxes.



Average Tax

- The average tax peaked at \$115 in 1995 and is expected to fall to \$43 in 1999 and \$40 in 2000.
- The 65% decrease in the average tax can be attributed to the good economy and the 1997 tax cut out-weighting the benefit increases.
- Projections assume no further legislated changes in benefits or taxes.



Average Tax Rate by Industry

Experience-Rated Only

	1998 Employment	1998 Wages	1999 Wages
Services	946,601	0.26%	0.25%
Retail Trade	587,154	0.22%	0.23%
Manufacturing	405,264	0.56%	0.58%
Construction	188,652	0.59%	0.59%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	174,211	0.30%	0.31%
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	164,294	0.47%	0.48%
Wholesale Trade	145,895	0.41%	0.40%
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	33,064	0.41%	0.37%
Mining	10,496	1.43%	1.54%



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Dr. Thomas J. Towberman
Commissioner

December 16, 1999

The Honorable John H. Rust, Jr.
Vice-Chairman, Joint Subcommittee Studying the
Funding Requirements of the Virginia
Unemployment Compensation Act
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Dear Delegate Rust:

In response to the request made at the November 23 meeting of the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Funding Requirements of the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act, I am providing data on wages and the benefits available to unemployed individuals in Virginia and other states.

The enclosed table lists the 1998 average weekly wage in each state (plus the District of Columbia and the national average), as well as minimum and maximum weekly benefit amounts, their percentage of the weekly wage, the average tax paid per employee, and a ranking in each category. In addition, members expressed interest in Virginia's ranking among other states in the category of minimum qualifying earnings. In 1998, when the Commonwealth's earnings requirement was \$2,750 in two quarters of the base period, it ranked eighth (8th) among other states and Washington, DC. As I mentioned in my presentation, this requirement has since been lowered to \$2,500, a figure representing a 19.5-hour workweek at minimum wage (\$5.15 per hour), for twenty-five weeks.

If you need more information about the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act or the VEC, please call me at (804) 786-3001.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Towberman

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Selected Wage and Unemployment Benefit Data: 1998

1998 Data	Avg. Weekly Wage (\$)	Minimum Weekly Benefit Amount (\$)	% of Avg. Weekly Wage	Rank	Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount (\$)	% of Avg. Weekly Wage	Rank	Avg. Tax (Cost Per Employee) (\$)	Rank
US Avg.	607	38	6%	--	269	44%	--	201	--
Alabama	510	45	9%	13	190	37%	47	106	37
Alaska*	635	44	7%	23	248	39%	42	617	2
Arizona	558	40	7	22	185	33	51	92	42
Arkansas	464	50	11%	6	281	61	6	182	25
California	676	40	6%	30	230	34	50	210	18
Colorado	615	25	4%	39	270	44	35	94	41
Connecticut*	787	15	2%	50	362	46	25	452	5
Delaware	652	20	3%	46	300	46	27	173	26
DC	867	50	6%	32	309	36	49	210	19
Florida	535	32	6%	29	275	51%	18	74	45
Georgia	589	39	7%	25	224	38	45	83	43
Hawaii	543	5	1%	51	356	66%	1	475	4
Idaho	471	44	9	9	259	55	13	265	10
Illinois*	664	51	8%	16	269	40	39	220	15
Indiana	557	50	9%	12	236	42	36	82	44
Iowa*	482	35	7%	20	239	50	22	152	29
Kansas	511	70	14%	2	281	55	12	26	51
Kentucky	509	22	4	37	256	50	20	166	27
Louisiana	512	10	2%	49	215	42	37	113	35
Maine*	490	37	8	19	216	44	34	255	12
Maryland*	618	25	4%	40	250	40	40	140	32
Massachusetts*	725	24	3	45	382	53	16	308	9
Michigan	663	60	9	11	300	45	29	264	11
Minnesota	614	38	6	27	314	51	19	201	22
Mississippi	451	30	7%	24	180	40	41	102	38
Missouri	551	40	7	21	205	37	48	147	31
Montana	425	59	14%	1	237	56%	10	213	17
Nebraska	486	20	4%	38	184	38	46	32	50
Nevada	577	16	3%	48	258	45%	31	254	13
New Hampshire	592	32	5	34	246	42	38	55	46
New Jersey	786	60	8%	18	390	50	21	421	7
New Mexico	481	45	9%	10	224	47%	23	204	21
New York	782	40	5%	35	300	38	44	214	16
N Carolina	537	15	3%	47	322	60	7	100	39
N Dakota	436	43	10%	7	260	60%	8	160	28
Ohio*	580	77	13%	4	267	46%	26	148	30
Oklahoma	473	16	3%	44	255	54	14	43	48
Oregon	563	77	14	3	329	58	9	437	6
Pennsylvania*	603	35	6%	31	375	62	3	308	8
Rhode Island*	573	47	8	14	347	61	5	622	1
S Carolina	499	20	4%	41	229	46%	28	96	40
S Dakota	429	28	7%	26	194	45	30	43	49
Tennessee	543	30	6%	33	240	44	33	112	36
Texas	602	46	8%	17	280	47%	24	124	33
Utah	509	19	4%	42	284	56	11	117	34
Vermont	507	31	6%	28	225	44	32	205	20
Virginia	589	55	9	8	228	39	43	50	47
Washington	631	82	13%	5	384	61	4	486	3
W Virginia	477	24	5%	36	303	64%	2	231	14
Wisconsin	547	43	8	15	290	53	15	194	23
Wyoming	467	17	4%	43	241	52%	17	188	24

*Excludes dependents' benefits.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 752

Offered January 21, 1999

Establishing a joint subcommittee to study audits of small businesses who utilize consultants or independent contractors.

Patrons—Devolites, Byron, Jones, S.C., Landes and Rust

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, many small businesses rely on independent contractors and consultants as a means of competing in today's business environment; and

WHEREAS, many small businesses are not responsible for the payment of unemployment taxes for consultants and independent contractors provided that the provisions of subsection C of § 60.2-212 are met; and

WHEREAS, the use of consultants and independent contractors may lead to further investigation when such companies are audited by the Virginia Employment Commission; and

WHEREAS, responding to such audits can be an expensive and time-consuming process for such small businesses; and

WHEREAS, refining the audit process to establish review procedures that are streamlined and responsive to the needs and resources of small businesses will allow small businesses to focus their energy on competing in the marketplace; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That a joint subcommittee be established to study audits of small businesses which utilize consultants. The joint subcommittee shall be composed of ten members, which shall include five members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker and five members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall examine methods of reducing the administrative and time consuming burdens placed on small businesses which utilize consultants and independent contractors. The joint subcommittee shall consider creating "safe harbors," including the establishment of specific dollar thresholds, as a means of allowing those small businesses that utilize consultants and independent contractors to avoid the time and expense of an audit.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$ 3000.

The Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the study. Technical assistance shall be provided by the Virginia Employment Commission. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee, upon request.

The joint subcommittee shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2000 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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APPENDIX E
1999 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1573

Offered January 13, 1999

Prefiled January 12, 1999

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 60.2-604 of the Code of Virginia, relating to unemployment compensation; benefit reductions; pensions.*

Patron—Hull (By Request)

Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 60.2-604 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 60.2-604. Reduction of benefit amount by amount of pension.

The weekly benefit amount payable to an individual for any week which begins in a period for which such individual is receiving a governmental or other pension, retirement or retired pay, annuity, or any other similar periodic payment under a plan maintained or contributed to by a base period or chargeable employer based on the previous work of such individual, including payments received by such individual in accordance with § 65.2-500 or § 65.2-502, shall be reduced, but not below zero, by an amount equal to the amount of such pension, retirement or retired pay, annuity, or other payment, which is reasonably attributable to such week. *However, no such reduction shall be made for any such pension, retirement or retired pay, annuity, or any other payment from any source, funded in whole or in part by such individual.*

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APPENDIX F
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1574
Offered January 13, 1999
Prefiled January 12, 1999

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 60.2-633 of the Code of Virginia, relating to unemployment compensation; overpayments.*

Patron—Hull

Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 60.2-633 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 60.2-633. Receiving benefits to which not entitled.

A. Any person who has received any sum as benefits under this title to which he was not entitled shall be liable to repay such sum to the Commission. In the event the claimant does not refund the overpayment, the Commission shall deduct from any future benefits such sum payable to him under this title unless overpayment occurred due to administrative error, in which case the Commission shall deduct only fifty percent of the payable amount for any future week of benefits claimed, rounded down to the next lowest dollar until the overpayment is satisfied. Administrative error shall not include decisions reversed in the appeals process. In addition, the overpayment may be collectible by civil action in the name of the Commission. Amounts collected in this manner may be subject to an interest charge as prescribed in § 58.1-15 from the date of judgment and may be subject to fees and costs. Collection activities for any benefit overpayment established of five dollars or less may be suspended. The Commission may, for good cause, determine as uncollectible and discharge from its records any benefit overpayment which remains unpaid after the expiration of seven years from the date such overpayment was determined, or immediately upon the death of such person or upon his discharge in bankruptcy occurring subsequently to the determination of overpayment. Any existing overpayment balance not equal to an even dollar amount shall be rounded to the next lowest even dollar amount.

B. *Notwithstanding any provision in subsection A, no person shall be liable to pay, nor shall the Commission seek to collect, any benefits declared overpaid as the result of a retroactive Social Security pension award.*

C. The Commission is authorized to accept repayment of benefit overpayments by use of a credit card. The Virginia Employment Commission shall add to such payment a service charge for the acceptance of such card. Such service charge shall not exceed the percentage charged to the Virginia Employment Commission for use of such card.

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APPENDIX G
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 249
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee on Rules
on February 11, 2000)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Rust)

Continuing the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Funding Requirements of the Virginia Unemployment Trust Fund.

WHEREAS, each year since 1977 a joint subcommittee consisting of five members of the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee and five members of the House Labor and Commerce Committee has met to study the funding requirements of the Virginia Unemployment Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, such joint subcommittee met in 1999 pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 589 (1999) to review the current status of, and long-term projections for, the Virginia Unemployment Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Unemployment Trust Fund is financed by Virginia's employers and drawn on by working Virginians who become unemployed and must rely on such fund for unemployment compensation benefits; and

WHEREAS, continued legislative oversight of such fund is warranted to ensure its adequacy to meet current and projected benefit payments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Funding Requirements of the Virginia Unemployment Trust Fund be hereby continued. The joint subcommittee shall be composed of twelve members to be appointed as follows: seven members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker, in accordance with Rule 16 of the Rules of the House of Delegates; and five members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$15,000.

The Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the study. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee, upon request.

The joint subcommittee shall complete its work in time to submit its written findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2001 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for processing legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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SENATE BILL NO. 779
Offered February 25, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 60.2-602, as it is currently in effect and as it shall become effective, and § 60.2-612 of the Code of Virginia, relating to unemployment compensation; weekly benefits.

Patrons—Hawkins, Houck, Potts, Puckett, Reynolds, Trumbo and Wampler

Introduced at the request of Governor

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 60.2-602, as it is currently in effect and as it shall become effective, and § 60.2-612 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 60.2-602. (Applicable July 1, 1999 until November 28, 1999) Weekly benefit amount.

Beginning July 1, 1999, and expiring ~~July 1, 2000~~ *November 28, 1999*, for claims filed on or after July 4, 1999, an eligible individual's weekly "benefit amount" shall be the amount appearing in Column B in the "Benefit Table" in this section on the line on which in Column A of such table, there appears the total wages for insured work paid to such individual in the two quarters of his base period in which such total wages were highest.

For claims filed prior to July 4, 1999, an eligible individual's weekly "benefit amount" shall be computed under the provisions of this section in force on the date such claim was filed.

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BENEFIT TABLE DIVISION C DURATION OF BENEFITS

Col A HIGHEST QUARTER EARNINGS	Col B WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT	12 WEEKS	13 WEEKS	14 WEEKS	15 WEEKS	16 WEEKS	17 WEEKS	18 WEEKS	19 WEEKS	20 WEEKS	21 WEEKS	22 WEEKS	23 WEEKS	24 WEEKS	25 WEEKS	26 WEEKS
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2550.00	51	2550.01	2732.01	2914.00	3096.00	3279.00	3461.01	3643.00	3825.01	4007.01	4189.00	4371.01	4554.00	4736.01	4918.01	5100.01
2600.00	52	2600.01	2786.01	2971.00	3157.00	3343.00	3529.00	3714.00	3900.00	4086.00	4271.01	4457.00	4643.00	4829.00	5014.01	5200.01
2650.00	53	2650.01	2839.01	3029.00	3218.01	3407.00	3596.01	3786.01	3975.01	4164.00	4354.00	4543.00	4732.01	4921.01	5111.01	5300.01
2700.00	54	2700.01	2892.01	3086.01	3279.01	3471.01	3664.01	3857.01	4050.00	4243.00	4436.01	4629.00	4821.00	5014.00	5207.01	5400.01
2750.00	55	2750.01	2945.01	3143.01	3336.01	3528.01	3721.01	3913.01	4105.00	4297.01	4489.01	4681.00	4873.01	5065.01	5257.01	5450.01
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2850.00	57	2850.01	3051.01	3257.01	3450.01	3643.01	3836.01	4028.01	4220.00	4412.00	4604.00	4796.01	4988.01	5180.01	5372.01	5564.01
2900.00	58	2900.01	3104.01	3314.01	3507.01	3699.01	3892.01	4084.01	4276.01	4468.01	4660.01	4852.01	5044.01	5236.01	5428.01	5620.01
2950.00	59	2950.01	3157.01	3369.01	3562.01	3755.01	3948.01	4140.01	4332.01	4524.01	4716.01	4908.01	5100.01	5292.01	5484.01	5676.01
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3050.00	61	3050.01	3263.01	3479.01	3678.01	3871.01	4059.01	4252.01	4444.01	4636.01	4828.01	5020.01	5212.01	5404.01	5596.01	5788.01
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3400.00	68	3400.01	3634.01	3865.01	4086.01	4280.01	4471.01	4662.01	4853.01	5044.01	5235.01	5426.01	5617.01	5808.01	5999.01	6191.01
3450.00	69	3450.01	3687.01	3920.01	4143.01	4334.01	4525.01	4716.01	4907.01	5098.01	5289.01	5480.01	5671.01	5862.01	6053.01	6245.01
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3600.00	72	3600.01	3846.01	4085.01	4306.01	4497.01	4688.01	4879.01	5070.01	5261.01	5452.01	5643.01	5834.01	6025.01	6216.01	6407.01
3650.00	73	3650.01	3899.01	4140.01	4359.01	4550.01	4741.01	4932.01	5123.01	5314.01	5505.01	5696.01	5887.01	6078.01	6269.01	6460.01
3700.00	74	3700.01	3952.01	4195.01	4412.01	4603.01	4794.01	4985.01	5176.01	5367.01	5558.01	5749.01	5940.01	6131.01	6322.01	6513.01
3750.00	75	3750.01	4005.01	4250.01	4465.01	4656.01	4847.01	5038.01	5229.01	5420.01	5611.01	5802.01	5993.01	6184.01	6375.01	6566.01
3800.00	76	3800.01	4058.01	4305.01	4518.01	4709.01	4900.01	5091.01	5282.01	5473.01	5664.01	5855.01	6046.01	6237.01	6428.01	6619.01
3850.00	77	3850.01	4111.01	4360.01	4573.01	4764.01	4955.01	5146.01	5337.01	5528.01	5719.01	5910.01	6101.01	6292.01	6483.01	6674.01
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3950.00	79	3950.01	4217.01	4470.01	4683.01	4874.01	5065.01	5256.01	5447.01	5638.01	5829.01	6020.01	6211.01	6402.01	6593.01	6784.01
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4050.00	81	4050.01	4323.01	4580.01	4793.01	4984.01	5175.01	5366.01	5557.01	5748.01	5939.01	6130.01	6321.01	6512.01	6703.01	6894.01
4100.00	82	4100.01	4376.01	4635.01	4848.01	5039.01	5230.01	5421.01	5612.01	5803.01	5994.01	6185.01	6376.01	6567.01	6758.01	6949.01
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BENEFIT TABLE DIVISION C DURATION OF BENEFITS

Table with columns for Weeks (12 to 26) and rows for Benefit Amounts (182 to 214). Each cell contains a numerical value representing the benefit amount for a specific duration.

BENEFIT TABLE DIVISION C DURATION OF BENEFITS

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1 § 60.2-602. (Applicable November 28, 1999) Weekly benefit amount.

2 Beginning ~~July 1, 2000~~ *November 28, 1999*, for claims filed on or after ~~July 2, 2000~~ *November*
3 *28, 1999*, an eligible individual's weekly "benefit amount" shall be the amount appearing in Column B
4 in the "Benefit Table" in this section on the line on which in Column A of such table, there appears
5 the total wages for insured work paid to such individual in the two quarters of his base period in
6 which such total wages were highest.

7 For claims filed prior to ~~July 2, 2000~~ *November 28, 1999*, an eligible individual's weekly "benefit
8 amount" shall be computed under the provisions of this section in force on the date such claim was
9 filed.

BENEFIT TABLE DIVISION C DURATION OF BENEFITS

Col A HIGHEST TWO QUARTER EARNINGS	Col B WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT	12 WEEKS	13 WEEKS	14 WEEKS	15 WEEKS	16 WEEKS	17 WEEKS	18 WEEKS	19 WEEKS	20 WEEKS	21 WEEKS	22 WEEKS	23 WEEKS	24 WEEKS	25 WEEKS	26 WEEKS
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1 § 60.2-612. Benefit eligibility conditions.

2 An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits for any week only if the
3 Commission finds that:

4 1. He has, in the highest two quarters of earnings within his base period, been paid wages in
5 employment for employers that are equal to not less than the lowest amount appearing in Column A
6 of the "Benefit Table" appearing in § 60.2-602 on the line which extends through Division C and on
7 which in Column B of the "Benefit Table" appears his weekly benefit amount. Such wages shall be
8 earned in not less than two quarters.

9 2. a. His total or partial unemployment is not due to a labor dispute in active progress or to
10 shutdown or start-up operations caused by such dispute which exists (i) at the factory, establishment,
11 or other premises, including a vessel, at which he is or was last employed, or (ii) at a factory,
12 establishment or other premises, including a vessel, either within or without this Commonwealth,
13 which (a) is owned or operated by the same employing unit which owns or operates the premises at
14 which he is or was last employed and (b) supplies materials or services necessary to the continued
15 and usual operation of the premises at which he is or was last employed. This subdivision shall not
16 apply if it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commission that:

17 (1) He is not participating in or financing or directly interested in the labor dispute; and

18 (2) He does not belong to a grade or class of workers of which, immediately before the
19 commencement of the labor dispute, there were members employed at the premises, including a
20 vessel, at which the labor dispute occurs, any of whom are participating in or financing or directly
21 interested in the dispute.

22 b. If separate branches of work which are commonly conducted as separate businesses at separate
23 premises are conducted in separate departments of the same premises, each such department shall, for
24 the purposes of this subdivision, be deemed to be a separate factory, establishment or other premises.
25 Membership in a union, or the payment of regular dues to a bona fide labor organization, however,
26 shall not alone constitute financing a labor dispute.

27 3. He is not receiving, has not received or is not seeking unemployment benefits under an
28 unemployment compensation law of any other state or of the United States; however, if the
29 appropriate agency of such other state or of the United States finally determines that he is not entitled
30 to such unemployment benefits, this subdivision shall not apply.

31 4. He is not on a bona fide paid vacation. If an individual is paid vacation pay for any week in an
32 amount less than the individual's weekly benefit amount his eligibility for benefits shall be computed
33 under the provisions of § 60.2-603.

34 5. He has registered for work and thereafter has continued to report at an employment office in
35 accordance with such regulations as the Commission may prescribe. The Commission may, by
36 regulation, waive or alter either or both of the requirements of this subdivision for certain types of
37 cases when it finds that compliance with such requirements would be oppressive, or would be
38 inconsistent with the purposes of this title.

39 6. He has made a claim for benefits in accordance with regulations the Commission may prescribe.

40 7. a. He is able to work, is available for work, and is actively seeking and unable to obtain
41 suitable work. Every claimant who is totally unemployed shall report to the Commission the names of
42 employers contacted each week in his effort to obtain work. This information may be subject to
43 employer verification by the Commission through a program designed for that purpose. The
44 Commission may determine that registration by a claimant with the Virginia State Job Service may
45 constitute a valid employer contact and satisfy the search for work requirement of this subsection in
46 labor market areas where job opportunities are limited. The Commission may determine that an
47 individual, whose usual and customary means of soliciting work in his occupation is through contact
48 with a single hiring hall which makes contacts with multiple employers on behalf of the claimant,
49 meets the requirement that he be actively seeking and unable to obtain suitable work by contacting
50 that hiring hall alone. In areas of high unemployment, as determined by the Commission, the
51 Commission has the authority to adjust the requirement that he be actively seeking and unable to
52 obtain suitable work.

53 b. An individual who leaves the normal labor market area of the individual for the major portion
54 of any week is presumed to be unavailable for work within the meaning of this section. This

1 presumption may be overcome if the individual establishes to the satisfaction of the Commission that
2 the individual has conducted a bona fide search for work and has been reasonably accessible to
3 suitable work in the labor market area in which the individual spent the major portion of the week to
4 which the presumption applies.

5 *c. An individual whose type of work is such that it is performed by individuals working two or*
6 *more shifts in a twenty-four-hour period shall not be deemed unavailable for work if the individual is*
7 *currently enrolled in one or more classes of education related to employment or is continuing in a*
8 *certificate or degree program at an institution of higher education, provided that the enrollment*
9 *would only limit the individual's availability for one shift and the individual is otherwise available to*
10 *work any of the other shifts.*

11 8. He has given notice of resignation to his employer and the employer subsequently made the
12 termination of employment effective immediately, but in no case to exceed two weeks for which he
13 would have worked had the employee separated from employment on the date of termination as given
14 in the notice; provided, that the claimant could not establish good cause for leaving work pursuant to
15 § 60.2-618 and was not discharged for misconduct as provided in § 60.2-618.

16 9. Beginning January 6, 1991, he has served a waiting period of one week during which he was
17 eligible for benefits under this section in all other respects and has not received benefits, except that
18 only one waiting week shall be required of such individual within any benefit year. *For claims filed*
19 *effective November 28, 1999, and after, this requirement shall be waived for any individual whose*
20 *unemployment was caused by his employer terminating operations, closing its business or declaring*
21 *bankruptcy without paying the final wages earned as required by § 40.1-29 of the Code of Virginia.*
22 *Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, if an employer who terminates operations, closes its*
23 *business or declares bankruptcy pays an individual his final wages after the period of time prescribed*
24 *by § 40.1-29 of the Code of Virginia, such payment shall not be offset against the benefits the*
25 *individual was otherwise entitled to receive and shall not, under any circumstances, cause such*
26 *individual to be declared overpaid benefits.*

27 10. He is not imprisoned or confined in jail.

28 11. He participates in reemployment services, such as job search assistance services, if he has been
29 determined to be likely to exhaust regular benefits and need reemployment services pursuant to a
30 profiling system established by the Commission, unless the Commission determines that (i) such
31 claimant has completed such services or (ii) there is good cause for such claimant's failure to
32 participate in such services.

33 2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage, and shall be effective
34 retroactive to November 28, 1999.

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APPENDIX I
2000 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 794

Offered January 21, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 60.2-300 and 60.2-301 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the unemployment compensation fund; refund of excess payments.

Patron—Wagner

Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 60.2-300 and 60.2-301 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 60.2-300. Fund continued; accounts maintained.

The special fund established in the state treasury and known as the Unemployment Compensation Fund is continued. The Comptroller shall maintain within the fund ~~two~~ three separate accounts:

1. A clearing account; ~~and~~

2. A holding account; and

~~2.~~ 3. A benefit account.

§ 60.2-301. Clearing account; holding account; refund of excess; payment to credit of federal Unemployment Trust Fund.

A. All taxes and other moneys required by this title to be paid to the Unemployment Compensation Fund and collected by the Commission, and any interest or earnings upon any moneys or property belonging to the fund shall, promptly upon collection, be paid into the state treasury and credited to the clearing account. Any interest collected on taxes shall be paid into the Special Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund continued by § 60.2-314. Refunds, except for interest collected payable pursuant to § 60.2-524, may be paid from the clearing account.

B. After clearance thereof, all other moneys in the clearing account, including undeliverable payments, shall be credited to the holding account. Any interest or earnings upon any moneys or property in the holding fund shall, promptly upon collection, be paid into the state treasury and credited to the holding account. Moneys shall remain in the holding account until paid as provided in this subsection:

1. If the balance which shall stand to the credit of the account of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Unemployment Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States, hereafter referred to as the UTF balance, is less than one billion dollars, the balance of the moneys in the holding account shall immediately be paid over to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, to the credit of the Unemployment Trust Fund established by the Social Security Act, to be held for the Commonwealth upon the terms and conditions provided in the Social Security Act.

2. If the UTF balance equals or exceeds one billion dollars, the balance of moneys in the holding account shall remain in the holding account until the first to occur of the following:

a. The balance of moneys in the holding account equal or exceed fifty million dollars, in which event the balance of moneys in the holding account, less the expenses incurred by the Commission in administering the refund thereof as provided in this subdivision, shall be refunded to the employers who submitted payments of taxes pursuant to Chapter 5 (§ 60.2-500 et seq.) during the period between the date the UTF balance attained one billion dollars and the date the balance of moneys in the holding account attained fifty million dollars. The refunds provided for in this subdivision shall not be calculated and paid more frequently than once each calendar quarter. The amount of the refund to each such employer shall be equal to the product obtained by multiplying (i) the amount of money available for refund, as determined by the Commission, by (ii) a percentage, the numerator of which is the amount of such taxes, less any other refunds, paid by the employer during such period, and the denominator of which is the amount of taxes, less any other refunds, paid by all employers during such period; or

b. The UTF balance falls below one billion dollars, in which event the lesser of (i) the moneys in the holding account or (ii) the portion of moneys in the holding account required to restore the UTF balance to one billion dollars, shall immediately be paid over to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, to the credit of the Unemployment Trust Fund established by the Social Security Act, to

be held for the Commonwealth upon the terms and conditions provided in the Social Security Act.

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APPENDIX J
2000 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 955

Offered January 24, 2000

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 60.2-528 and 60.2-614 of the Code of Virginia, relating to unemployment compensation benefits.*

Patrons—Jackson, Armstrong, Brink, Crittenden, Darner, Hall, Stump and Tate; Senators: Edwards, Howell and Puckett

Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 60.2-528 and 60.2-614 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:
§ 60.2-528. Individual benefit charges.

A. An individual's "benefit charges" shall be computed in the following manner:

1. For each week benefits are received, a claimant's "benefit charges" shall be equal to his benefits received for such week.

2. For each week extended benefits are received, pursuant to § 60.2-610 or § 60.2-611, a claimant's "benefit charges" shall be equal to one-half his benefits received for such week. However, a claimant's "benefit charges" for extended benefits attributable to service in the employ of a governmental entity referred to in subdivisions 1 through 3 of subsection A of § 60.2-213 shall be equal to the full amount of such extended benefit.

3. For each week partial benefits are received, the claimant's "benefit charges" shall be computed (i) in the case of regular benefits as in subdivision 1 of this subsection, or (ii) in the case of extended benefits as in subdivision 2 of this subsection.

B. 1. The employing unit from whom such individual was separated, resulting in the current period of unemployment, shall be the most recent employing unit for whom such individual has performed services for remuneration (i) during thirty days, whether or not such days are consecutive, or (ii) during 240 hours. If such individual's unemployment is caused by separation from an employer, such individual's "benefit charges" for such period of unemployment shall be deemed the responsibility of the last employer for (i) thirty days or (ii) 240 hours prior to such period of unemployment.

2. Any employer charged with benefits paid shall be notified of the charges quarterly by the Commission. The amount specified shall be conclusive on the employer unless, not later than thirty days after the notice of benefit charges was mailed to its last known address or otherwise delivered to it, the employer files an appeal with the Commission, setting forth the grounds for such an appeal. Proceedings on appeal to the Commission regarding the amount of benefit charges under this subsection or a redetermination of such amount shall be in accordance with the provisions of § 60.2-500. The decision of the Commission shall be subject to the provisions of § 60.2-500. Any appeal perfected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not address any issue involving the merits or conditions of a claimant's separation from employment.

C. No "benefit charges" shall be deemed the responsibility of an employer of:

1. An individual whose separation from the work of such employer arose as a result of a violation of the law by such individual, which violation led to confinement in any jail or prison;

2. An individual who voluntarily left employment in order to accept other employment, genuinely believing such employment to be permanent;

3. An individual with respect to any weeks in which benefits are claimed and received after such date as that individual refused to accept an offer of rehire by the employer because such individual was in training with approval of the Commission pursuant to § 60.2-613;

4. An individual who voluntarily left employment to enter training approved under § 236 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. § 2296 et seq.);

5. An individual hired to replace a member of the Reserve of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard called into active duty as a result of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm and whose employment is terminated concurrent with and because of that member's return from active duty; or

6. An individual who left employment voluntarily with good cause due to a personal bona fide

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medical reason caused by a non-job-related injury or medical condition; or

2 7. An individual who is receiving benefits during periods that such individual is enrolled in
3 training approved under the federal Trade Act of 1974, if the benefits are payable as the result of the
4 application of the provisions of subsection B of § 60.2-614, notwithstanding the failure of the
5 individual to have performed services, subsequent to the beginning of the immediately preceding
6 benefit year during which he received benefits, for an employer as defined in § 60.2-210 for
7 remuneration (i) during thirty days, whether or not such days were consecutive, or (ii) for 240 hours.

8 § 60.2-614. Service required during immediately preceding benefit year in which individual
9 received benefits.

10 A. No individual may receive benefits in a benefit year unless, subsequent to the beginning of the
11 immediately preceding benefit year during which he received benefits, he performed service for an
12 employer as defined in § 60.2-210 for remuneration (i) during thirty days, whether or not such days
13 were consecutive, or (ii) for 240 hours, and subsequently became totally or partially separated from
14 such employment.

15 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, an individual shall not be precluded from
16 receiving benefits in a benefit year, notwithstanding the fact that he did not perform service
17 subsequent to the beginning of the immediately preceding benefit year during which he received
18 benefits for an employer for remuneration during either of the periods described in clause (i) or
19 clause (ii) of subsection A, if he is enrolled in training approved under the federal Trade Act of 1974
20 at the time of his application for such benefits; however, such an individual who is not otherwise in
21 compliance with the requirements of subsection A shall continue to be eligible to receive benefits only
22 during periods that he is enrolled in such approved training.

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