

COMMISSION ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF 2025 INTERIM ACTIVITY AND WORK

January 2026

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chapter 33 (§ 30-218 et seq.) of Title 30 of the Code of Virginia establishes the Commission on Unemployment Compensation (the Commission). The Commission is charged with:

- Evaluating the impact of existing statutes and proposed legislation on unemployment compensation and the Unemployment Trust Fund (the trust fund);
- Assessing the Commonwealth's unemployment compensation program and examining ways to enhance effectiveness;
- Monitoring the current status and long-term projections for the trust fund; and
- Reporting annually its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor.

The Commission's membership is composed of Senators Adam P. Ebbin, Bill DeSteph, and Christie New Craig and Delegates Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker, Destiny L. LeVere Bolling, and Chris Runion. Senator Ebbin serves as the chair of the Commission.

The Commission met on May 19, 2025, and October 20, 2025. Section 30-220 of the Code of Virginia requires that the Commission meet at least two times per year.

The Commission's Unemployment Insurance Subcommittee, established pursuant to § 30-222, met on May 19, 2025. At such meeting, Demetrios "Mitch" Melis, Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission, presented updates on the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance program. The subcommittee was required to meet through June 2025.

The Work Group on Adjustments to Weekly Benefits met on September 18, 2025 and December 3, 2025.

This executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Commission is submitted pursuant to § 30-224 of the Code of Virginia and is provided in lieu of an annual report.

II. LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED

There was no specific legislation recommended by the Commission during the 2025 interim.

III. CONCLUSION

Materials provided by speakers at the Commission's meetings in the 2025 interim may be found on the [Commission's website](#).