

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 516 Unemployment Compensation by Senator Hill

Redefines the term "base period" such that wages in a base period used to establish a monetarily eligible benefit year may not be used in a subsequent benefit year. Defines the term "alternative base period" to mean the last four completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an individual's benefit year. Specifies that the alternative base period is for use when a benefit year commences on or after January 2, 2010 and an individual is not eligible to qualify for benefits in the base period.

Prohibits an unemployed individual from being disqualified for benefits if separating from work because of domestic violence, illness or disability of an immediate family member, or the need to accompany a spouse to a place from which it is impractical to commute or due to a change in location of the spouse's employment.

Prohibits unemployed individuals from being disqualified for unemployment benefits based solely on the individual's availability for only part-time work under certain circumstances. (See bill for details)