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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
House Bill 196\*

AMENDMENT NO. A4  
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Amends Title [NO]  
Third Edition

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

Representative Harris

1 moves to amend the bill on page 23, lines 39-40,  
2 by inserting the following between those lines:

3 **"PART IV. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CHANGES**

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5 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE/MAXIMUM WEEKLY BENEFIT/FIVE HUNDRED**  
6 **DOLLARS**

7 **SECTION 4.1.** G.S. 96-14.2 reads as rewritten:

8 **'§ 96-14.2. Weekly benefit amount.**

9 (a) Weekly Benefit Amount. – The weekly benefit amount for an individual who is totally  
10 unemployed is an amount equal to the wages paid to the individual in the last two completed  
11 quarters of the individual's base period divided by 52 and rounded to the next lower whole dollar.  
12 If this amount is less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00), the individual is not eligible for benefits. The  
13 weekly benefit amount may not exceed three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00).

14 (a1) Increased Weekly Benefit Amount. – Effective for new claims filed after February  
15 20, 2021, the weekly benefit amount for an individual who is totally unemployed is an amount  
16 equal to the wages paid to the individual in the last two completed quarters of the individual's  
17 base period divided by 52 and rounded to the next lower whole dollar. If this amount is less than  
18 fifteen dollars (\$15.00), the individual is not eligible for benefits. The weekly benefit amount  
19 may not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

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22 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE/DURATION/TWENTY-SIX WEEKS**

23 **SECTION 4.2.(a)** G.S. 96-14.3 reads as rewritten:

24 **'§ 96-14.3. Duration of benefits.**

25 (a) Duration. – The Except as provided by subsection (a1) of this section, the number of  
26 weeks an individual is allowed to receive unemployment benefits depends on the seasonal  
27 adjusted statewide unemployment rate that applies to the six-month base period in which the  
28 claim is filed. One six-month base period begins on January 1 and one six-month base period  
29 begins on July 1. For the base period that begins January 1, the average of the seasonal adjusted  
30 unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of July, August, and September  
31 applies. For the base period that begins July 1, the average of the seasonal adjusted  
32 unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of January, February, and March



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1 applies. The Division must use the most recent seasonal adjusted unemployment rate determined  
2 by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and not the rate as revised in the  
3 annual benchmark.

4	Seasonal Adjusted	Number
5	Unemployment Rate	of Weeks
6	Less than or equal to 5.5%	12
7	Greater than 5.5% up to 6%	13
8	Greater than 6% up to 6.5%	14
9	Greater than 6.5% up to 7%	15
10	Greater than 7% up to 7.5%	16
11	Greater than 7.5% up to 8%	17
12	Greater than 8% up to 8.5%	18
13	Greater than 8.5% up to 9%	19
14	Greater than 9%	20

15 (a1) Extended Maximum Duration. – An eligible individual is entitled to receive  
16 unemployment benefits for a maximum period of 26 weeks for new unemployment insurance  
17 claims filed for any period beginning after November 28, 2020.

18 (b) Total Benefits. – The total benefits paid to an individual equals either (i) the  
19 individual's weekly benefit amount allowed under ~~G.S. 96-14.2~~ G.S. 96-14.2(a) multiplied by the  
20 number of weeks allowed under subsection (a) of this ~~section~~ section or (ii) 26 weeks under  
21 subsection (a1) of this section.'

22 **SECTION 4.3.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law."; and

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24 further moves to amend the bill on page 23, line 40 by deleting "**PART IV. EFFECTIVE**  
25 **DATE**" and substituting "**PART V. EFFECTIVE DATE**" and on page 23, line 41 by deleting  
26 "**SECTION 4.1.**" and substituting "**SECTION 5.1.**";

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28 and by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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