

SENATE BILL No. 154

February 1, 2007, Introduced by Senators GLEASON, CHERRY, PRUSI, SWITALSKI, CLARKE, BASHAM, WHITMER, SCHAUER, BRATER, SCOTT, CLARK-COLEMAN, HUNTER, ANDERSON, JACOBS and OLSHOVE and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled
"Michigan employment security act,"
by amending section 27 (MCL 421.27), as amended by 2002 PA 192.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 27. (a) (1) When a determination, redetermination, or
2 decision is made that benefits are due an unemployed individual,
3 the benefits ~~shall become payable from the fund and continue to be~~
4 payable to the unemployed individual, subject to the limitations
5 imposed by the individual's monetary entitlement, if the individual
6 continues to be unemployed and to file claims for benefits, until
7 the determination, redetermination, or decision is reversed, a
8 determination, redetermination, or decision on a new issue holding
9 the individual disqualified or ineligible is made, or, for benefit
10 years beginning before ~~the conversion date prescribed in section 75~~

1 **OCTOBER 1, 2000**, a new separation issue arises resulting from
2 subsequent work.

3 (2) Benefits shall be paid in person or by mail through
4 employment offices in accordance with rules promulgated by the
5 commission.

6 (b)(1) Subject to subsection (f), the weekly benefit rate for
7 an individual, with respect to benefit years beginning before ~~the~~
8 ~~conversion date prescribed in section 75, shall be~~ **OCTOBER 1, 2000**,
9 **IS** 67% of the individual's average after tax weekly wage, except
10 that the individual's maximum weekly benefit rate shall not exceed
11 \$300.00. However, with respect to benefit years beginning ~~after the~~
12 ~~conversion date as prescribed in section 75~~ **ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1,**
13 **2000**, the individual's weekly benefit rate ~~shall be~~ **IS** 4.1% of the
14 individual's wages paid in the calendar quarter of the base period
15 in which the individual was paid the highest total wages, plus
16 ~~\$6.00~~ **\$20.00** for each dependent as defined in subdivision ~~(3)~~ **(4)**,
17 up to a maximum of 5 dependents, claimed by the individual at the
18 time the individual files a new claim for benefits, except that the
19 individual's maximum weekly benefit rate shall not exceed \$300.00
20 ~~before the effective date of the amendatory act that added section~~
21 ~~13/~~ **APRIL 26, 2002** and \$362.00 for claims filed on and after ~~the~~
22 ~~effective date of the amendatory act that added section 13/~~ **APRIL**
23 **26, 2002**. The weekly benefit rate for an individual claiming
24 benefits on ~~and~~ **OR** ~~after the effective date of the amendatory act~~
25 ~~that added section 13/~~ **APRIL 26, 2002** shall be recalculated subject
26 to the \$362.00 maximum weekly benefit rate. The unemployment agency
27 shall establish the procedures necessary to verify the number of

1 dependents claimed. If a person fraudulently claims a dependent,
2 that person is subject to the penalties set forth in sections 54
3 and 54c. ~~With respect to~~ **FOR** benefit years beginning on or after
4 October 2, 1983, the weekly benefit rate shall be adjusted to the
5 next lower multiple of \$1.00.

6 (2) For benefit years beginning before ~~the conversion date~~
7 ~~prescribed in section 75~~ **OCTOBER 1, 2000**, the state average weekly
8 wage for a calendar year shall be computed on the basis of the 12
9 months ending the June 30 immediately preceding that calendar year.
10 The commission shall prepare a table of weekly benefit rates based
11 on an "average after tax weekly wage" calculated by subtracting,
12 from an individual's average weekly wage as determined in
13 accordance with section 51, a reasonable approximation of the
14 weekly amount required to be withheld by the employer from the
15 remuneration of the individual based on dependents and exemptions
16 for income taxes under ~~chapter 24 of subtitle C of the internal~~
17 ~~revenue code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. USC~~ 3401 to 3406, and under section
18 351 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.351, and
19 for old age and survivor's disability insurance taxes under the
20 federal insurance contributions act, ~~chapter 21 of subtitle C of~~
21 ~~the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. USC~~ **3101 TO** 3128. For
22 purposes of applying the table to an individual's claim, a
23 dependent shall be as defined in subdivision (3). The table
24 applicable to an individual's claim shall be the table reflecting
25 the number of dependents claimed by the individual under
26 subdivision (3). The commission shall adjust the tables based on
27 changes in withholding schedules published by the United States

1 department of treasury, internal revenue service, and by the
2 department of treasury. The number of dependents allowed shall be
3 determined with respect to each week of unemployment for which an
4 individual is claiming benefits.

5 (3) For benefit years beginning before ~~the conversion date~~
6 ~~prescribed in section 75~~ **OCTOBER 1, 2000**, a dependent means any of
7 the following persons who is receiving and for at least 90
8 consecutive days immediately preceding the week for which benefits
9 are claimed, or, in the case of a dependent husband, wife, or
10 child, for the duration of the marital or parental relationship, if
11 the relationship has existed less than 90 days, has received more
12 than half the cost of his or her support from the individual
13 claiming benefits:

14 (a) A child, including stepchild, adopted child, or grandchild
15 of the individual who is under 18 years of age, or 18 years of age
16 or over if, because of physical or mental infirmity, the child is
17 unable to engage in a gainful occupation, or is a full-time student
18 as defined by the particular educational institution, at a high
19 school, vocational school, community or junior college, or college
20 or university and has not attained the age of 22.

21 (b) The husband or wife of the individual.

22 (c) The legal father or mother of the individual if that
23 parent is either more than 65 years of age or is permanently
24 disabled from engaging in a gainful occupation.

25 (d) A brother or sister of the individual if the brother or
26 sister is orphaned or the living parents are dependent parents of
27 an individual, and the brother or sister is under 18 years of age,

1 or 18 years of age or over if, because of physical or mental
2 infirmity, the brother or sister is unable to engage in a gainful
3 occupation, or is a full-time student as defined by the particular
4 educational institution, at a high school, vocational school,
5 community or junior college, or college or university and is less
6 than 22 years of age.

7 (4) For benefit years beginning ~~after the conversion date~~
8 ~~prescribed in section 75~~ **ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000**, a dependent
9 means any of the following persons who received for at least 90
10 consecutive days immediately preceding the first week of the
11 benefit year or, in the case of a dependent husband, wife, or
12 child, for the duration of the marital or parental relationship if
13 the relationship existed less than 90 days before the beginning of
14 the benefit year, has received more than 1/2 the cost of his or her
15 support from the individual claiming the benefits:

16 (a) A child, including stepchild, adopted child, or grandchild
17 of the individual who is under 18 years of age, or 18 years of age
18 and over if, because of physical or mental infirmity, the child is
19 unable to engage in a gainful occupation, or is a full-time student
20 as defined by the particular educational institution, at a high
21 school, vocational school, community or junior college, or college
22 or university and has not attained the age of 22.

23 (b) The husband or wife of the individual.

24 (c) The legal father or mother of the individual if that
25 parent is either more than 65 years of age or is permanently
26 disabled from engaging in a gainful occupation.

27 (d) A brother or sister of the individual if the brother or

1 sister is orphaned or the living parents are dependent parents of
2 an individual, and the brother or sister is under 18 years of age,
3 or 18 years of age and over if, because of physical or mental
4 infirmity, the brother or sister is unable to engage in a gainful
5 occupation, or is a full-time student as defined by the particular
6 educational institution, at a high school, vocational school,
7 community or junior college, or college or university and is less
8 than 22 years of age.

9 (5) For benefit years beginning before ~~the conversion date~~
10 ~~prescribed in section 75~~ **OCTOBER 1, 2000**, dependency status of a
11 dependent, child or otherwise, once established or fixed in favor
12 of an individual continues during the individual's benefit year
13 until terminated. Dependency status of a dependent terminates at
14 the end of the week in which the dependent ceases to be an
15 individual described in subdivision ~~(3)(a), (b), (c), or (d)~~ **(3)**
16 because of age, death, or divorce. For benefit years beginning
17 ~~after the conversion date prescribed in section 75~~ **ON OR AFTER**
18 **OCTOBER 1, 2000**, the number of dependents established for an
19 individual at the beginning of the benefit year shall remain in
20 effect during the entire benefit year.

21 (6) For benefit years beginning before ~~the conversion date~~
22 ~~prescribed in section 75~~ **OCTOBER 1, 2000**, failure on the part of an
23 individual, due to misinformation or lack of information, to
24 furnish all information material for determination of the number of
25 the individual's dependents when the individual files a claim for
26 benefits with respect to a week ~~shall be considered~~ **IS** good cause
27 ~~for the issuance of~~ **TO ISSUE** a redetermination ~~as to the amount of~~

1 benefits based on the number of the individual's dependents as of
2 the beginning date of that week. Dependency status of a dependent,
3 child or otherwise, once established or fixed in favor of a person
4 is not transferable to or usable by another person with respect to
5 the same week.

6 For benefit years beginning ~~after the conversion date as~~
7 ~~prescribed in section 75~~ **ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000**, failure ~~on~~
8 ~~the part of~~ an individual, due to misinformation or lack of
9 information, to furnish all information material for determination
10 of the number of the individual's dependents shall be considered
11 good cause ~~for the issuance of~~ **TO ISSUE** a redetermination ~~as to the~~
12 ~~amount of~~ benefits based on the number of the individual's
13 dependents as of the beginning of the benefit year.

14 (c) Subject to subsection (f), all of the following apply to
15 eligible individuals:

16 (1) Each eligible individual shall be paid a weekly benefit
17 rate with respect to the week for which the individual earns or
18 receives no remuneration. Notwithstanding the definition of week in
19 section 50, if within 2 consecutive weeks in which an individual
20 was not unemployed within the meaning of section 48 there was a
21 period of 7 or more consecutive days for which the individual did
22 not earn or receive remuneration, that period shall be considered a
23 week for benefit purposes under this act if a claim for benefits
24 for that period is filed not later than 30 days after the end of
25 the period.

26 (2) Each eligible individual shall have his or her weekly
27 benefit rate reduced with respect to each week in which the

1 individual earns or receives remuneration at the rate of 50 cents
2 for each whole \$1.00 of remuneration earned or received during that
3 week.

4 (3) An individual who receives or earns partial remuneration
5 may not receive a total of benefits and earnings that exceeds 1-1/2
6 times his or her weekly benefit amount. For each dollar of total
7 benefits and earnings that exceeds 1-1/2 times the individual's
8 weekly benefit amount, benefits shall be reduced by \$1.00.

9 (4) If the reduction in a claimant's benefit rate for a week
10 in accordance with ~~subparagraph~~ **SUBDIVISION** (2) or (3) results in a
11 benefit rate greater than zero for that week, the claimant's
12 balance of weeks of benefit payments ~~will~~ **SHALL** be reduced by 1
13 week.

14 (5) All remuneration for work performed during a shift that
15 terminates on 1 day but that began on the preceding day shall be
16 considered to have been earned by the eligible individual on the
17 preceding day.

18 (d) For benefit years beginning before ~~the conversion date~~
19 ~~prescribed in section 75~~ **OCTOBER 1, 2000**, and subject to subsection

20 (f) and this subsection, the amount of benefits to which an
21 individual who is otherwise eligible is entitled during a benefit
22 year from an employer with respect to employment during the base
23 period is the amount obtained by multiplying the weekly benefit
24 rate with respect to that employment by 3 of the number of credit
25 weeks earned in the employment. For the purpose of this subsection
26 and section 20(c), if the resultant product is not an even multiple
27 of 1/2 the weekly benefit rate, the product shall be raised to an

1 amount equal to the next higher multiple of 1/2 the weekly benefit
2 rate, and, for an individual who was employed by only 1 employer in
3 the individual's base period and earned 34 credit weeks with that
4 employer, the product shall be raised to the next higher multiple
5 of the weekly benefit rate. The maximum amount of benefits payable
6 to an individual within a benefit year, with respect to employment
7 by an employer, shall not exceed 26 times the weekly benefit rate
8 with respect to that employment. The maximum amount of benefits
9 payable to an individual within a benefit year shall not exceed the
10 amount to which the individual would be entitled for 26 weeks of
11 unemployment in which remuneration was not earned or received. The
12 limitation of total benefits set forth in this subsection does not
13 apply to claimants declared eligible for training benefits in
14 accordance with subsection (g). For benefit years beginning ~~after~~
15 ~~the conversion date prescribed in section 75~~ **ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1,**
16 **2000**, and subject to subsection (f) and this subsection, the
17 maximum benefit amount payable to an individual in a benefit year
18 for purposes of this section and section ~~20(e)~~ **20(D)** is the number
19 of weeks of benefits payable to an individual during the benefit
20 year, multiplied by the individual's weekly benefit rate. The
21 number of weeks of benefits payable to an individual shall be
22 calculated by taking 43% of the individual's base period wages and
23 dividing the result by the individual's weekly benefit rate. If the
24 quotient is not a whole or half number, the result shall be rounded
25 down to the nearest half number. However, not more than 26 weeks of
26 benefits or less than 14 weeks of benefits shall be payable to an
27 individual in a benefit year. The limitation of total benefits set

1 forth in this subsection shall not apply to claimants declared
2 eligible for training benefits in accordance with subsection (g).

3 (e) When a claimant dies or is judicially declared insane or
4 mentally incompetent, unemployment compensation benefits accrued
5 and payable to that person for weeks of unemployment before death,
6 insanity, or incompetency, but not paid, shall become due and
7 payable to the person who is the legal heir or guardian of the
8 claimant or to any other person found by the commission to be
9 equitably entitled to the benefits by reason of having incurred
10 expense in behalf of the claimant for the claimant's burial or
11 other necessary expenses.

12 (f)(1) For benefit years beginning before ~~the conversion date~~
13 ~~prescribed in section 75~~ **OCTOBER 1, 2000**, and notwithstanding any
14 inconsistent provisions of this act, the weekly benefit rate of
15 each individual who is receiving or will receive a "retirement
16 benefit", as defined in subdivision (4), shall be adjusted as
17 provided in subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c). However, an
18 individual's extended benefit account and an individual's weekly
19 extended benefit rate under section 64 shall be established without
20 reduction under this subsection unless subdivision (5) is in
21 effect. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all other
22 provisions of this act continue to apply in connection with the
23 benefit claims of those retired persons.

24 (a) If and to the extent that unemployment benefits payable
25 under this act would be chargeable to an employer who has
26 contributed to the financing of a retirement plan under which the
27 claimant is receiving or will receive a retirement benefit yielding

1 a pro rata weekly amount equal to or larger than the claimant's
2 weekly benefit rate as otherwise established under this act, the
3 claimant shall not receive unemployment benefits that would be
4 chargeable to the employer under this act.

5 (b) If and to the extent that unemployment benefits payable
6 under this act would be chargeable to an employer who has
7 contributed to the financing of a retirement plan under which the
8 claimant is receiving or will receive a retirement benefit yielding
9 a pro rata weekly amount less than the claimant's weekly benefit
10 rate as otherwise established under this act, then the weekly
11 benefit rate otherwise payable to the claimant and chargeable to
12 the employer under this act shall be reduced by an amount equal to
13 the pro rata weekly amount, adjusted to the next lower multiple of
14 \$1.00, which the claimant is receiving or will receive as a
15 retirement benefit.

16 (c) If the unemployment benefit payable under this act would
17 be chargeable to an employer who has not contributed to the
18 financing of a retirement plan under which the claimant is
19 receiving or will receive a retirement benefit, then the weekly
20 benefit rate of the claimant as otherwise established under this
21 act shall not be reduced due to receipt of a retirement benefit.

22 (d) If the unemployment benefit payable under this act is
23 computed on the basis of multiemployer credit weeks and a portion
24 of the benefit is allocable under section 20(e) to an employer who
25 has contributed to the financing of a retirement plan under which
26 the claimant is receiving or will receive a retirement benefit, the
27 adjustments required by subparagraph (a) or (b) apply only to that

1 portion of the weekly benefit rate that would otherwise be
2 allocable and chargeable to the employer.

3 (2) If an individual's weekly benefit rate under this act was
4 established before the period for which the individual first
5 receives a retirement benefit, any benefits received after a
6 retirement benefit becomes payable shall be determined in
7 accordance with the formula stated in this subsection.

8 (3) When necessary to assure prompt payment of benefits, the
9 commission shall determine the pro rata weekly amount yielded by an
10 individual's retirement benefit based on the best information
11 currently available to it. In the absence of fraud, a determination
12 shall not be reconsidered unless it is established that the
13 individual's actual retirement benefit in fact differs from the
14 amount determined by \$2.00 or more per week. The reconsideration
15 shall apply only to benefits ~~as may be~~ **THAT ARE** claimed after the
16 information on which the reconsideration is based was received by
17 the commission.

18 (4) (a) As used in this ~~subdivision~~ **SUBSECTION**, "retirement
19 benefit" means a benefit, annuity, or pension of any type, or that
20 part thereof that is described in subparagraph (b), that is **BOTH**:

21 (i) Provided as an incident of employment under an established
22 retirement plan, policy, or agreement, including federal social
23 security if subdivision (5) is in effect.

24 (ii) Payable to an individual because the individual has
25 qualified on the basis of attained age, length of service, or
26 disability, whether or not the individual retired or was retired
27 from employment. Amounts paid to individuals in the course of

1 liquidation of a private pension or retirement fund because of
2 termination of the business or of a plant or department of the
3 business of the employer involved ~~shall not be considered to be~~ **ARE**
4 **NOT** retirement benefits.

5 (b) If a benefit, **ANNUNITY, OR PENSION** as described in
6 subparagraph (a) is payable or paid to the individual under a plan
7 to which the individual has contributed:

8 (i) Less than half of the cost of the benefit, then only half
9 of the ~~benefit shall be treated as~~ **AMOUNT PAYABLE OR PAID IS** a
10 retirement benefit.

11 (ii) Half or more of the cost of the benefit, then none of the
12 ~~benefit shall be treated as~~ **AMOUNT PAYABLE OR PAID IS** a retirement
13 benefit.

14 (c) The burden of establishing the extent of an individual's
15 contribution to the cost of his or her ~~retirement benefit,~~
16 **ANNUNITY, OR PENSION PLAN** for the purpose of subparagraph (b) is
17 upon the employer who has contributed to the plan. ~~under which a~~
18 ~~benefit is provided.~~

19 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection,
20 for any week that begins after March 31, 1980, and with respect to
21 which an individual is receiving a governmental or other pension
22 and claiming unemployment compensation, the weekly benefit amount
23 payable to the individual for those weeks shall be reduced, but not
24 below zero, by the entire prorated weekly amount of any
25 governmental or other pension, retirement or retired pay, annuity,
26 or any other similar payment that is based on any previous work of
27 the individual. This reduction shall be made only if it is required

1 as a condition for full tax credit against the tax imposed by the
2 federal unemployment tax act, ~~chapter 23 of subtitle C of the~~
3 ~~internal revenue code of 1986,~~ 26 U.S.C. USC 3301 to 3311.

4 (6) For benefit years beginning ~~after the conversion date~~
5 ~~prescribed in section 75~~ **ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000,**
6 notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of this act, the weekly
7 benefit rate of each individual who is receiving or will receive a
8 retirement benefit, as defined in subdivision (4), shall be
9 adjusted as provided in ~~subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c)~~ **THIS**
10 **SUBDIVISION.** However, an individual's extended benefit account and
11 an individual's weekly extended benefit rate under section 64 shall
12 be established without reduction under this subsection, unless
13 subdivision (5) is in effect. Except as otherwise provided in this
14 subsection, all the other provisions of this act shall continue to
15 be applicable in connection with the benefit claims of those
16 retired persons.

17 (a) If any base period or chargeable employer has contributed
18 to the financing of a retirement plan under which the claimant is
19 receiving or will receive a retirement benefit yielding a pro rata
20 weekly amount equal to or larger than the claimant's weekly benefit
21 rate as otherwise established under this act, the claimant shall
22 not receive unemployment benefits.

23 (b) If any base period employer or chargeable employer has
24 contributed to the financing of a retirement plan under which the
25 claimant is receiving or will receive a retirement benefit yielding
26 a pro rata weekly amount less than the claimant's weekly benefit
27 rate as otherwise established under this act, then the weekly

1 benefit rate otherwise payable to the claimant shall be reduced by
2 an amount equal to the pro rata weekly amount, adjusted to the next
3 lower multiple of \$1.00, which the claimant is receiving or will
4 receive as a retirement benefit.

5 (c) If no base period or separating employer has contributed
6 to the financing of a retirement plan under which the claimant is
7 receiving or will receive a retirement benefit, then the weekly
8 benefit rate of the claimant as otherwise established under this
9 act shall not be reduced due to receipt of a retirement benefit.

10 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, an
11 individual pursuing vocational training or retraining pursuant to
12 section 28(2) who has exhausted all benefits available under
13 subsection (d) may be paid for each week of approved vocational
14 training pursued beyond the date of exhaustion a benefit amount in
15 accordance with subsection (c), but not in excess of the
16 individual's most recent weekly benefit rate. However, an
17 individual shall not be paid training benefits totaling more than
18 18 times the individual's most recent weekly benefit rate. The
19 expiration or termination of a benefit year shall not stop or
20 interrupt payment of training benefits if the training for which
21 the benefits were granted began before expiration or termination of
22 the benefit year.

23 (h) A payment of accrued unemployment benefits shall not be
24 made to an eligible individual or in behalf of that individual as
25 provided in subsection (e) more than 6 years after the ending date
26 of the benefit year covering the payment or 2 calendar years after
27 the calendar year in which there is final disposition of a

1 contested case, whichever is later.

2 (i) Benefits based on service in employment described in
3 section 42(8), (9), and (10) are payable in the same amount, on the
4 same terms, and subject to the same conditions as compensation
5 payable on the basis of other service subject to this act, except
6 that:

7 (1) With respect to service performed in an instructional,
8 research, or principal administrative capacity for an institution
9 of higher education as defined in section 53(2), or for an
10 educational institution other than an institution of higher
11 education as defined in section 53(3), benefits shall not be paid
12 to an individual based on those services for any week of
13 unemployment beginning after December 31, 1977 that commences
14 during the period between 2 successive academic years or during a
15 similar period between 2 regular terms, whether or not successive,
16 or during a period of paid sabbatical leave provided for in the
17 individual's contract, to an individual if the individual performs
18 the service in the first of the academic years or terms and if
19 there is a contract or a reasonable assurance that the individual
20 will perform service in an instructional, research, or principal
21 administrative capacity for an institution of higher education or
22 an educational institution other than an institution of higher
23 education in the second of the academic years or terms, whether or
24 not the terms are successive.

25 (2) With respect to service performed in other than an
26 instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity for
27 an institution of higher education as defined in section 53(2) or

1 for an educational institution other than an institution of higher
2 education as defined in section 53(3), benefits shall not be paid
3 based on those services for any week of unemployment beginning
4 after December 31, 1977 that commences during the period between 2
5 successive academic years or terms to any individual if that
6 individual performs the service in the first of the academic years
7 or terms and if there is a reasonable assurance that the individual
8 will perform the service for an institution of higher education or
9 an educational institution other than an institution of higher
10 education in the second of the academic years or terms.

11 (3) With respect to any service described in subdivision (1)
12 or (2), benefits shall not be paid to an individual based upon
13 service for any week of unemployment that commences during an
14 established and customary vacation period or holiday recess if the
15 individual performs the service in the period immediately before
16 the vacation period or holiday recess and there is a contract or
17 reasonable assurance that the individual will perform the service
18 in the period immediately following the vacation period or holiday
19 recess.

20 (4) If benefits are denied to an individual for any week
21 solely as a result of subdivision (2) and the individual was not
22 offered an opportunity to perform in the second academic year or
23 term the service for which reasonable assurance had been given, the
24 individual is entitled to a retroactive payment of benefits for
25 each week for which the individual had previously filed a timely
26 claim for benefits. An individual entitled to benefits under this
27 subdivision may apply for those benefits by mail in accordance with

1 R 421.210 **OF THE MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE** as promulgated by the
2 commission.

3 (5) Benefits based upon services in other than an
4 instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity for
5 an institution of higher education shall not be denied for any week
6 of unemployment commencing during the period between 2 successive
7 academic years or terms solely because the individual had performed
8 the service in the first of the academic years or terms and there
9 is reasonable assurance that the individual will perform the
10 service for an institution of higher education or an educational
11 institution other than an institution of higher education in the
12 second of the academic years or terms, unless a denial is required
13 as a condition for full tax credit against the tax imposed by the
14 federal unemployment tax act, ~~chapter 23 of subtitle C of the~~
15 ~~internal revenue code of 1986,~~ 26 U.S.C. USC 3301 to 3311.

16 (6) For benefit years established before ~~the conversion date~~
17 ~~prescribed in section 75~~ **OCTOBER 1, 2000**, and notwithstanding
18 subdivisions (1), (2), and (3), the denial of benefits does not
19 prevent an individual from completing requalifying weeks in
20 accordance with section 29(3) nor does the denial prevent an
21 individual from receiving benefits based on service with an
22 employer other than an educational institution for any week of
23 unemployment occurring between academic years or terms, whether or
24 not successive, or during an established and customary vacation
25 period or holiday recess, even though the employer is not the most
26 recent chargeable employer in the individual's base period.
27 However, in that case section 20(b) applies to the sequence of

1 benefit charging, except for the employment with the educational
2 institution, and section 50(b) applies to the calculation of credit
3 weeks. When a denial of benefits under subdivision (1) no longer
4 applies, benefits shall be charged in accordance with the normal
5 sequence of charging as provided in section 20(b).

6 (7) For benefit years beginning ~~after the conversion date~~
7 ~~prescribed in section 75~~ **ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000**, and
8 notwithstanding subdivisions (1), (2), and (3), the denial of
9 benefits shall not prevent an individual from completing
10 requalifying weeks in accordance with section 29(3) nor shall the
11 denial prevent an individual from receiving benefits based on
12 service with another base period employer other than an educational
13 institution for any week of unemployment occurring between academic
14 years or terms, whether or not successive, or during an established
15 and customary vacation period or holiday recess. However, when
16 benefits are paid based on service with 1 or more base period
17 employers other than an educational institution, the individual's
18 weekly benefit rate shall be calculated in accordance with
19 subsection (b)(1) but during the denial period the individual's
20 weekly benefit payment shall be reduced by the portion of the
21 payment attributable to base period wages paid by an educational
22 institution and the account or experience account of the
23 educational institution shall not be charged for benefits payable
24 to the individual. When a denial of benefits under subdivision (1)
25 is no longer applicable, benefits shall be paid and charged on the
26 basis of base period wages with each of the base period employers
27 including the educational institution.

1 (8) For the purposes of this subsection, "academic year" means
2 that period, as defined by the educational institution, when
3 classes are in session for that length of time required for
4 students to receive sufficient instruction or earn sufficient
5 credit to complete academic requirements for a particular grade
6 level or to complete instruction in a noncredit course.

7 (9) In accordance with subdivisions (1), (2), and (3),
8 benefits for any week of unemployment shall be denied to an
9 individual who performed services described in subdivision (1),
10 (2), or (3) in an educational institution while in the employ of an
11 educational service agency. For the purpose of this subdivision,
12 "educational service agency" means a governmental agency or
13 governmental entity that is established and operated exclusively
14 for the purpose of providing the services to 1 or more educational
15 institutions.

16 (j) Benefits shall not be paid to an individual on the basis
17 of any base period services, substantially all of which consist of
18 participating in sports or athletic events or training or preparing
19 to participate, for a week that commences during the period between
20 2 successive sport seasons or similar periods if the individual
21 performed the services in the first of the seasons or similar
22 periods and there is a reasonable assurance that the individual
23 will perform the services in the later of the seasons or similar
24 periods.

25 (k) (1) Benefits ~~shall~~ **ARE** not ~~be~~ payable on the basis of
26 services performed by an alien unless the alien is an individual
27 who was lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time the

1 services were performed, was lawfully present for the purpose of
2 performing the services, or was permanently residing in the United
3 States under color of law at the time the services were performed,
4 including an alien who was lawfully present in the United States
5 under section 212(d)(5) of the immigration and nationality act,
6 ~~chapter 477, 66 Stat. 182, 8 U.S.C. 1182-8 USC 1182(D)(5).~~

7 ~~(2) Any data or information required of individuals applying~~
8 ~~for benefits to determine whether benefits are payable because of~~
9 ~~their alien status are uniformly required from all applicants for~~
10 ~~benefits.~~ **THE UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCY SHALL REQUIRE EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO**
11 **APPLIES FOR BENEFITS TO SUPPLY INFORMATION SUFFICIENT TO DETERMINE**
12 **CITIZENSHIP OR ALIEN STATUS ELIGIBILITY.**

13 ~~(3) Where an individual whose application for benefits would~~
14 ~~otherwise be approved, a~~ **A** ~~determination that~~ **TO DENY** ~~benefits to~~
15 ~~that individual are not payable because of the~~ **AN** ~~individual's~~
16 ~~alien status shall not be made except~~ **ONLY** ~~upon a preponderance of~~
17 ~~the evidence.~~

18 (m)(1) An individual filing a new claim for unemployment
19 compensation under this act, at the time of filing the claim, shall
20 disclose whether the individual owes child support obligations as
21 defined in this subsection. If an individual discloses that he or
22 she owes child support obligations and is determined to be eligible
23 for unemployment compensation, the commission shall notify the
24 state or local child support enforcement agency enforcing the
25 obligation that the individual has been determined to be eligible
26 for unemployment compensation.

27 (2) Notwithstanding section 30, the commission shall deduct

1 and withhold from any unemployment compensation payable to an
2 individual who owes child support obligations by using whichever of
3 the following methods results in the greatest amount:

4 (a) The amount, if any, specified by the individual to be
5 deducted and withheld under this subdivision.

6 (b) The amount, if any, determined pursuant to an agreement
7 submitted to the commission under ~~section 454(19)(B)(i) of part D of~~
8 ~~title IV of the social security act, 42 U.S.C. 654~~ **42 USC**
9 **654(19)(B)(i)**, by the state or local child support enforcement
10 agency.

11 (c) Any amount otherwise required to be deducted and withheld
12 from unemployment compensation pursuant to legal process, as that
13 term is defined in ~~section 462(e) of part D of title IV of the~~
14 ~~social security act, 42 U.S.C. 662~~ **42 USC 659(I)(5)**, properly
15 served upon the commission.

16 (3) The amount of unemployment compensation subject to
17 deduction under subdivision (2) is that portion that remains
18 payable to the individual after application of the recoupment
19 provisions of section 62(a) and the reduction provisions of
20 subsections (c) and (f).

21 (4) Any amount deducted and withheld under subdivision (2)
22 shall be paid by the commission to the appropriate state or local
23 child support enforcement agency.

24 (5) Any amount deducted and withheld under subdivision (2)
25 shall be treated for all purposes as if it were paid to the
26 individual as unemployment compensation and paid by the individual
27 to the state or local child support enforcement agency in

1 satisfaction of the individual's child support obligations.

2 (6) ~~This subsection applies~~ **PROVISIONS CONCERNING DEDUCTIONS**
 3 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION APPLY** only if the state or local child
 4 support enforcement agency agrees in writing to reimburse and does
 5 reimburse the commission for the administrative costs incurred by
 6 the commission under this subsection that are attributable to child
 7 support obligations being enforced by the state or local child
 8 support enforcement agency. The administrative costs incurred shall
 9 be determined by the commission. The commission, in its discretion,
 10 may require payment of administrative costs in advance.

11 (7) As used in this subsection:

12 (a) "Unemployment compensation", for purposes of subdivisions
 13 (1) ~~through~~ **TO** (5), means any compensation payable under this act,
 14 including amounts payable by the commission pursuant to an
 15 agreement under any federal law providing for compensation,
 16 assistance, or allowances with respect to unemployment.

17 (b) "Child support obligations" includes only obligations that
 18 are being enforced pursuant to a plan described in ~~section 454 of~~
 19 ~~part D of title IV of the social security act, 42 U.S.C. USC 654,~~
 20 that has been approved by the secretary of health and human
 21 services under ~~part D of title IV of the social security act,~~
 22 ~~chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. USC 651 to 655, 656 to 660,~~
 23 ~~and 663 to 669b.~~

24 (c) "State or local child support enforcement agency" means
 25 any agency of this state or a political subdivision of this state
 26 operating pursuant to a plan described in subparagraph (b).

27 (n) Subsection (i) (2) applies to services performed by school

1 bus drivers employed by a private contributing employer holding a
2 contractual relationship with an educational institution, but only
3 if at least 75% of the individual's base period wages with that
4 employer are attributable to services performed as a school bus
5 driver.

6 (o)(1) For weeks of unemployment beginning after July 1, 1996,
7 unemployment benefits based on services by a seasonal worker
8 performed in seasonal employment shall be payable only for weeks of
9 unemployment that occur during the normal seasonal work period.

10 Benefits shall not be paid based on services performed in seasonal
11 employment for any week of unemployment beginning after March 28,
12 1996 that begins during the period between 2 successive normal
13 seasonal work periods to any individual if that individual performs
14 the service in the first of the normal seasonal work periods and if
15 there is a reasonable assurance that the individual will perform
16 the service for a seasonal employer in the second of the normal
17 seasonal work periods. If benefits are denied to an individual for
18 any week solely as a result of this subsection and the individual
19 is not offered an opportunity to perform in the second normal
20 seasonal work period for which reasonable assurance of employment
21 had been given, the individual is entitled to a retroactive payment
22 of benefits under this subsection for each week that the individual
23 previously filed a timely claim for benefits. An individual may
24 apply for any retroactive benefits under this subsection in
25 accordance with R 421.210 of the Michigan administrative code.

26 (2) Not less than 20 days before the estimated beginning date
27 of a normal seasonal work period, an employer may apply to the

1 commission in writing for designation as a seasonal employer. At
2 the time of application, the employer shall conspicuously display a
3 copy of the application on the employer's premises. Within 90 days
4 after receipt of the application, the commission shall determine if
5 the employer is a seasonal employer. A determination or
6 redetermination of the commission concerning the status of an
7 employer as a seasonal employer, or a decision of a referee or the
8 board of review, or of the courts of this state concerning the
9 status of an employer as a seasonal employer, which has become
10 final, together with the record thereof, may be introduced in any
11 proceeding involving a claim for benefits, and the facts found and
12 decision issued in the determination, redetermination, or decision
13 shall be conclusive unless substantial evidence to the contrary is
14 introduced by or on behalf of the claimant.

15 (3) If the employer is determined to be a seasonal employer,
16 the employer shall conspicuously display on its premises a notice
17 of the determination and the beginning and ending dates of the
18 employer's normal seasonal work periods. The notice shall be
19 furnished by the commission. The notice shall additionally specify
20 that an employee must timely apply for unemployment benefits at the
21 end of a first seasonal work period to preserve his or her right to
22 receive retroactive unemployment benefits ~~in the event that~~ **IF** he
23 or she is not reemployed by the seasonal employer in the second of
24 the normal seasonal work periods.

25 (4) The commission may issue a determination terminating an
26 employer's status as a seasonal employer on the commission's own
27 motion for good cause, or upon the written request of the employer.

1 A termination determination under this subdivision terminates an
2 employer's status as a seasonal employer, and ~~shall become~~ **BECOMES**
3 effective on the beginning date of the normal seasonal work period
4 that would have immediately followed the date the commission ~~issues~~
5 **ISSUED** the determination. A determination under this subdivision is
6 subject to review in the same manner and to the same extent as any
7 other determination under this act.

8 (5) An employer whose status as a seasonal employer is
9 terminated under subdivision (4) may not reapply for a seasonal
10 employer status determination until after a regularly recurring
11 normal seasonal work period has begun and ended.

12 (6) If a seasonal employer informs an employee who received
13 assurance of being rehired that, despite the assurance, the
14 employee will not be rehired at the beginning of the employer's
15 next normal seasonal work period, this subsection ~~shall~~ **DOES** not
16 prevent the employee from receiving unemployment benefits in the
17 same manner and to the same extent he or she would receive benefits
18 under this act from an employer who has not been determined to be a
19 seasonal employer.

20 (7) A successor of a seasonal employer is considered to be a
21 seasonal employer unless the successor provides the commission,
22 within 120 days after the transfer, with a written request for
23 termination of its status as a seasonal employer in accordance with
24 subdivision (4).

25 (8) At the time an employee is hired by a seasonal employer,
26 the employer shall notify the employee in writing ~~whether~~ **IF** the
27 employee will be a seasonal worker. The employer shall provide the

1 worker with written notice of any subsequent change in the
2 employee's status as a seasonal worker. If an employee of a
3 seasonal employer is denied benefits because that employee is a
4 seasonal worker, the employee may contest that designation in
5 accordance with section 32a.

6 (9) As used in this subsection:

7 (a) "Construction industry" means the work activity designated
8 in sector group 23 -- construction of the North American **INDUSTRY**
9 classification system -- United States office of management and
10 budget, ~~1997~~2002 edition.

11 (b) "Normal seasonal work period" means that period or those
12 periods of time determined pursuant to rules promulgated by the
13 commission during which an individual is employed in seasonal
14 employment.

15 (c) "Seasonal employment" means the employment of 1 or more
16 individuals primarily hired to perform services in an industry,
17 other than the construction industry, that does either of the
18 following:

19 (1) Customarily operates during regularly recurring periods of
20 26 weeks or less in any 52-consecutive-week period.

21 (2) Customarily employs at least 50% of its employees for
22 regularly recurring periods of 26 weeks or less within a period of
23 52 consecutive weeks.

24 (d) "Seasonal employer" means an employer, other than an
25 employer in the construction industry, who applies to the
26 commission for designation as a seasonal employer and who the
27 commission determines to be an employer whose operations and

1 business are substantially engaged in seasonal employment.

2 (e) "Seasonal worker" means a worker who has been paid wages
3 by a seasonal employer for work performed only during the normal
4 seasonal work period.

5 (10) ~~If this subsection is found by~~ **THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT**
6 **APPLY IF** the United States department of labor **FINDS IT** to be
7 contrary to the federal unemployment tax act, ~~chapter 23 of the~~
8 ~~internal revenue code of 1986, 26 U.S.C.~~ **USC 3301 to 3311**, or the
9 social security act, chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, and if conformity
10 with the federal law is required as a condition for full tax credit
11 against the tax imposed under the federal unemployment tax act, **26**
12 **USC 3301 TO 3311**, or as a condition for receipt by the commission
13 of federal administrative grant funds under the social security
14 act, ~~this subsection shall be invalid~~ **CHAPTER 531, 49 STAT. 620.**

15 (p) Benefits shall not be paid to an individual based upon his
16 or her services as a school crossing guard for any week of
17 unemployment that begins between 2 successive academic years or
18 terms, if that individual performs the services of a school
19 crossing guard in the first of the academic years or terms and has
20 a reasonable assurance that he or she will perform those services
21 in the second of the academic years or terms.