

HB 2296 -- UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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Currently, the maximum duration for an individual to receive unemployment benefits is 20 weeks. This bill specifies that the duration of benefits payable during any benefit year must be limited to:

- (1) 20 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is 9% or higher;
- (2) 19 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is between 8 1/2% and 9%;
- (3) 18 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is 8% up to and including 8 1/2%;
- (4) 17 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is between 7 1/2% and 8%;
- (5) 16 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is 7% up to and including 7 1/2%;
- (6) 15 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is between 6 1/2% and 7%;
- (7) 14 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is 6% up to and including 6 1/2%; and
- (8) 13 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is below 6%.

"Missouri average unemployment rate" means the average statewide unemployment rate during the three months of the most recent third calendar year quarter.