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3 SENATE F&TE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO HB351

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8 On page 1, after line 23, insert the following:

9 This bill would also increase the number of
10 unemployment compensation benefit weeks during a declared
11 state of emergency, under certain circumstances.

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13 On page 2, line 12, delete "and would" and insert in
14 lieu thereof the following:

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17 On page 2, line 14, delete ";" and insert in lieu
18 thereof the following:

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21 On page 2, line 15, delete "and"

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23 On page 2, line 18, after "exclusive" insert the
24 following:

25 ; and to increase the number of unemployment
26 compensation benefit weeks during a declared state of
27 emergency, under certain circumstances

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2 On page 11, after line 26, insert a new Section 3,
3 as follows, and renumber the subsequent section accordingly:

4 Section 3. (a) Any provision of law to the contrary
5 notwithstanding, effective with unemployment benefit years
6 beginning on or after July 1, 2020, an otherwise qualified
7 individual shall be entitled to receive benefits, as defined
8 in Section 25-4-2, Code of Alabama 1975, for up to 26 weeks
9 during a benefit year, as defined in Section 25-4-3, Code of
10 Alabama 1975, if the Governor or the Legislatures proclaims a
11 statewide state of emergency and the state's average
12 unemployment rate increases by three percent, or more, above
13 the last percentage rate posted by the Alabama Department of
14 Labor.

15 (1) An otherwise eligible individual shall be
16 entitled to up to 26 weeks of benefits during the current
17 benefit year if his or her unemployment is directly related to
18 the situation for which the Governor declared the state of
19 emergency, as determined by the department.

20 (2) The increase in benefit weeks shall become
21 available immediately upon the declaration of the state of
22 emergency by the Governor.

23 (3) The increase in benefit weeks shall not be
24 granted to any individual who files for benefits after the
25 Governor retracts the state of emergency.

26 (b) The Alabama Department of Labor shall adopt
27 rules as necessary to implement this section.

