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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

