

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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Bill Number: SB1057ER

Patron: Ebbin

Bill Title: Unemployment insurance; weekly benefit amount; increasing threshold for deduction of wages payable.

Bill Summary: **Provides** that each individual eligible for unemployment benefits shall be paid a weekly benefit amount less any part of the wages payable to such individual for such week that is in excess of \$100. Currently, each eligible individual shall be paid a weekly benefit amount less any part of the wages payable to such individual for such week that is in excess of \$50. This bill is a recommendation of the Commission on Unemployment Compensation.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: N/A.

Explanation: This bill impacts the Virginia Employment Commission; however, a budget amendment is not required.

Fiscal Summary: Any fiscal impact is absorbable within current resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is final. This bill will allow claimants eligible for unemployment benefits to work part-time with a reduced penalty by increasing the income disregard threshold from \$50 to \$100. According to the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC), this change does not decrease the total benefit amount; rather, it enables partial payments to be made over a longer period, potentially extending benefits beyond the standard 26 weeks. The bill may result in cost savings for the Unemployment Trust Fund in cases where claimants receiving partial payments secure full-time employment before exhausting their benefits. Any updates to the Unemployment Insurance system resulting from this bill can be absorbed by VEC.

Other: None.