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Senators Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th and Fort of the 39th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee substitute to HB 714 (LC 36 2548S) by*
 2 *deleting lines 76 through 120 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

3 Said chapter is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 34-8-193, relating to
 4 benefit claims, as follows:

5 "(d)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the maximum benefits payable
 6 to an individual in a benefit year shall be the lesser of:

7 ~~(A) Fourteen times the weekly benefit amount, if this state's average unemployment~~
 8 ~~rate is at or below 6.5 percent, with an additional weekly amount added for each 0.5~~
 9 ~~percent increment in this state's average unemployment rate above 6.5 percent up to a~~
 10 ~~maximum of 20 times the weekly benefit amount if this state's average unemployment~~
 11 ~~rate equals or exceeds 9 percent; or 26 times the weekly amount or~~

12 ~~(B) One-fourth~~ one-fourth of the base period wages.

13 If the amount computed is not a multiple of the weekly benefit amount, the total will be
 14 adjusted to the nearest multiple of the weekly benefit amount. The duration of benefits
 15 shall be extended in accordance with Code Section 34-8-197.

16 (2) In addition to and subsequent to payment of all benefits otherwise allowed under
 17 paragraph (1) of this subsection and without restriction with respect to an individual's
 18 benefit year, for claims filed on or after January 1, 2010, weekly unemployment
 19 compensation shall be payable under this subsection to any individual who is
 20 unemployed, has exhausted all rights to regular unemployment compensation under the
 21 provisions of Article 7 of this chapter, and is enrolled and making satisfactory progress,
 22 as determined by the Commissioner, in a training program approved by the department,
 23 or in a job training program authorized under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998,
 24 Public Law 105-220, and not receiving similar stipends or other training allowances for
 25 nontraining costs. Each such training program approved by the department or job
 26 training program authorized under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 shall prepare
 27 individuals who have been separated from a declining occupation, as designated by the
 28 department from time to time, or who have been involuntarily and indefinitely separated
 29 from employment as a result of a permanent reduction of operations at the individual's
 30 place of employment, for entry into a high-demand occupation, as designated by the
 31 department from time to time. The amount of unemployment compensation payable
 32 under this subsection to an individual for a week of unemployment shall be equal to the

33 individual's weekly benefit amount for the individual's most recent benefit year less
34 deductible earnings, if any. The total amount of unemployment compensation payable
35 under this subsection to any individual shall be equal to ~~14~~ at least 26 times the
36 individual's weekly benefit amount for the individual's most recent benefit year, ~~if this~~
37 ~~state's average unemployment rate is at or below 6.5 percent, with an additional weekly~~
38 ~~amount added for each 0.5 percent increment in this state's average unemployment rate~~
39 ~~above 6.5 percent up to a maximum of 20 times the weekly benefit amount if this state's~~
40 ~~average unemployment rate equals or exceeds 9 percent.~~ The provisions of subsection
41 (d) of Code Section 34-8-195 shall apply to eligibility for benefits under this subsection.
42 Except when the result would be inconsistent with other provisions of this subsection, all
43 other provisions of Article 7 of this chapter shall apply to the administration of the
44 provisions of this subsection.

45 ~~(3) As used in this subsection, the term 'state's average unemployment rate' means the~~
46 ~~average of the adjusted state-wide unemployment rates as published by the department~~
47 ~~for the time periods of April 1 through April 30 and October 1 through October 31. The~~
48 ~~average of the adjusted state-wide unemployment rates for the time period of April 1~~
49 ~~through April 30 shall be effective on and after July 1 of each year and shall be effective~~
50 ~~through December 31. The average of the adjusted state-wide unemployment rates for~~
51 ~~the time period of October 1 through October 31 shall be effective on and after January~~
52 ~~1 of each year and shall be effective through June 30."~~