

Senate Bill 27

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Albers of the 56th, Harrell of the 40th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to definitions relative to employment security, so as to change the definition of
3 'unemployed' to provide for eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits for furloughed
4 federal workers who are providing services during such period; to provide for related
5 matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 definitions relative to employment security, is amended by revising Code Section 34-8-47,
10 relating to the unemployed and unemployment, as follows:

11 "34-8-47.

12 (a) For purposes of this chapter, an individual shall be deemed 'unemployed' in any week
13 during which:

14 (1) ~~An~~ the individual performs no services and with respect to which no wages are
15 payable to him or her or in any week of less than full-time work if his or her deductible
16 earnings do not equal or exceed his or her weekly benefit amount; or

17 (2) An individual employed by the federal government who is furloughed by the federal
18 government on or after December 22, 2018, as a result of a federal government shutdown
19 and performs services during the furlough period without remuneration pursuant to his
20 or her contract of employment.

21 (b) The Commissioner shall prescribe regulations applicable to unemployed individuals
22 and shall make such distinctions in the procedures as to total unemployment, partial
23 unemployment of individuals attached to their regular jobs, temporary employment, and
24 other forms of short-time work as is deemed necessary. An individual compensated solely
25 on a commission basis shall be deemed to be unemployed only upon the termination of his
26 or her contract of employment."

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SECTION 2.

28 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
29 without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.