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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7910

BILL NUMBER: HB 1790

DATE PREPARED: Feb 5, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Computation of unemployment insurance benefits.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that maximum total amount of unemployment compensation benefits payable to an individual during a benefit period may not exceed 26 times the individual's weekly benefit, or 32% of the individual's wage credits with respect to the individual's base period, whichever is less. (Current law provides that the maximum total amount of unemployment compensation benefits payable to an individual during a benefit period may not exceed 26 times the individual's weekly benefit, or 28% of the individual's wage credits with respect to the individual's base period, whichever is less.)

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill changes the maximum total amount of benefits payable to an eligible individual during any benefit period from 28% to 32%, but keeps the benefit period to not more than 26 weeks. In 1998, approximately \$263 million was paid in unemployment benefits. This provision will have a minimal impact the amount of benefits available to an individual from the Unemployment Benefit Trust Fund. The balance of the Unemployment Benefit Trust Fund as of December 7, 1998 was \$1.4 billion.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See "Explanation of State Expenditures."

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Workforce Development.

Local Agencies Affected: All.

Information Sources: Charles Mazza, Unemployment Insurance, Department of Workforce Development, (317) 232-7460.