151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 65**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Osienski**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 19, 29 AND 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COVID-19 RELATED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, ASSESSMENTS AND RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.

2. This Act provides for the following:
   a. Waives the 13-week waiting period for the State to pay extended unemployment benefits for the period beginning on November 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021;
   b. Sets the computation of the employer assessment rates for calendar year 2021 at the same rates as calendar year 2020;
   c. Authorizes the Secretary of Labor to develop emergency rules amending the Delaware Unemployment Insurance Code in response to COVID-19; and
   d. Subtracts all unemployment benefits received in calendar year 2020 from federal adjusted gross income as used in the calculation of state personal income taxes.

3. The Department of Finance estimates the exemption of calendar year 2020 unemployment benefits (approximately $965 million paid) from state taxation will result in a General Fund revenue loss to the State of approximately $18.8 million in the current fiscal year (Fiscal Year 2021) and $6 million in Fiscal Year 2022.

Cost:

	General Fund Revenue Loss
Fiscal Year 2021:	$18,800,000
Fiscal Year 2022:	$6,000,000
Fiscal Year 2023:	N/A

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