



**151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE**

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**BILL:** HOUSE BILL NO. 285  
**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.

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**Assumptions:**

1. This bill becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This bill provides for the following:
  - a. Exempts unemployment compensation benefits received in calendar year 2021 from the calculation of adjusted gross income for Delaware personal income tax.
  - b. Establishes the computation of the employer assessment rate, average industry assessment rate, and construction industry assessment rate for calendar year 2022 at the same rate as 2020.
  - c. Reduces the assessment rate for merit-rated employers to their lowest calculated rate for 2020, 2021, or 2022. This reduction does not apply to those employers paying the delinquent assessment rate.
  - d. Sets the taxable wage base for 2022 at \$14,500.
3. The Department of Finance estimates the exemption of calendar year 2021 unemployment benefits (approximately \$466 million paid in 2021) from state taxation will result in a General Fund revenue loss of \$18.9 million in the current fiscal year and \$6.3 million in Fiscal Year 2023.

**Cost:**

	<b>General Fund Revenue Loss</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2022:</b>	\$18,900,000
<b>Fiscal Year 2023:</b>	\$ 6,300,000
<b>Fiscal Year 2024:</b>	N/A

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