

# 1997 SESSION

## SENATE SUBSTITUTE

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 380

#### AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rules

on January 28, 1997)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Newman)

*Directing the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Funding Requirements of the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act to study increasing the work time required for unemployment benefit eligibility.*

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution No. 29 (1996) continued the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Funding Requirements of the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act and required it to report to the Governor and the 1998 Session of the General Assembly; and WHEREAS, Title 60.2 of the Code of Virginia dictates the criteria for the payment of unemployment compensation; and

WHEREAS, under § 60.2-528, an employee's unemployment benefits are charged to an employer after an employee has worked for that employer for 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment benefits charged to an employer determine the rate of unemployment tax paid by the employer; and

WHEREAS, reducing the tax rate that employers must pay for unemployment compensation increases the funds available for growth of the Commonwealth's economy; and

WHEREAS, the high technology involved in today's manufacturing jobs requires employers to adequately assess and evaluate potential employees prior to offering them permanent employment; and

WHEREAS, offering the right job to the right person increases productivity, diminishes unemployment, and reduces administrative costs associated with hiring permanent employees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Funding Requirements of the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act be directed to study increasing the work time required for unemployment benefit eligibility.

Technical assistance shall be provided by the Virginia Employment Commission. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee, upon request.

The joint subcommittee shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1998 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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