



H.B. 311

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BILL SUMMARY

- Modifies the calculation of dependents for the purpose of determining unemployment compensation benefits to include any child over which the individual claiming benefits has court-ordered custody.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Calculating dependents to determine unemployment compensation benefits

(R.C. 4141.30)

Under current law, the individual's unemployment compensation benefit amount is determined in part on the number of dependents for which the individual must provide. Each individual who receives unemployment compensation benefits is categorized into three dependency classes--no dependents (Class A), one or two dependents (Class B), or three or more dependents (Class C). Current law defines "dependent" with regard to children as "[a]ny natural child, stepchild, or adopted child of the individual claiming benefits and for whom such individual, at the beginning of the benefit year is supplying, and for at least 90 consecutive days prior to that beginning date (or for the duration of the parental relationship if it existed less than 90 days prior to that beginning date), has supplied more than one-half of the cost of support of the child and the child is under 18 years old or is unable to work due to permanent physical or mental disability.¹

¹ Current law also provides that a dependent means the legally married wife or husband of the individual claiming benefits for whom more than one-half of the cost of support has been supplied by the individual for at least 90 days immediately prior to the beginning of the individual's benefit year (or for the duration of the marital relationship if less than 90 days prior to that beginning date) and the wife or husband was living with the individual and had an average weekly income not exceeding 25% of the individual's

The bill expands the qualifying relationship between the individual claiming benefits and the individual's dependent children by including as a dependent any child that the individual claiming benefits has been granted custody of by court order. The bill further provides that if the *custodial* relationship existed less than 90 days prior to the beginning of the individual's benefit year, the individual had to be providing more than one-half of the cost of support of the child for the duration of that custodial relationship.

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average weekly wage. In addition, if both the husband and wife qualify for benefits with overlapping benefit years, only one of them may qualify for a dependency class other than Class A (R.C. 4141.30).

