

Senate Bill 233

By: Senators Lucas of the 26th, Rahman of the 5th, Jordan of the 6th, Sims of the 12th,  
Parent of the 42nd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to employment security benefits, so as to increase the minimum and maximum  
3 weekly benefit amounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 employment security benefits, is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Code  
9 Section 34-8-193, relating determination of weekly benefit amount, as follows:

10 "(b) Weekly benefit amount entitlement as computed in this Code section shall be no less  
11 than \$27.00 per week for benefit years beginning on or after July 1, 1983; provided,  
12 however, that for benefit years beginning on or after July 1, 1987, when the weekly benefit  
13 amount, as computed, would be more than \$26.00 but less than \$37.00, the individual's  
14 weekly benefit amount will be \$37.00, and no weekly benefit amount shall be established  
15 for less than \$37.00; provided, further, that for benefit years beginning on or after July 1,  
16 1997, when the weekly benefit amount, as computed, would be more than \$26.00 but less  
17 than \$39.00, the individual's weekly benefit amount will be \$39.00, and no weekly benefit  
18 amount shall be established for less than \$39.00; provided, further, that for benefit years  
19 beginning on or after July 1, 2002, when the weekly benefit amount, as computed, would  
20 be more than \$26.00 but less than \$40.00, the individual's weekly benefit amount will be  
21 \$40.00, and no weekly benefit amount shall be established for less than \$40.00; provided,  
22 further, that for benefit years beginning on or after July 1, 2005, when the weekly benefit  
23 amount, as computed, would be more than \$26.00 but less than \$42.00, the individual's  
24 weekly benefit amount will be \$42.00, and no weekly benefit amount shall be established  
25 for less than \$42.00; provided, further, that for benefit years beginning on or after July 1,  
26 2007, when the weekly benefit amount, as computed, would be more than \$26.00 but less

27 than \$44.00, the individual's weekly benefit amount will be \$44.00, and no weekly benefit  
28 amount shall be established for less than \$44.00; provided, further, that for benefit years  
29 beginning on or after July 1, 2019, when the weekly benefit amount, as computed, would  
30 be more than \$26.00 but less than \$100.00, the individual's weekly benefit amount will be  
31 \$100.00, and no weekly benefit amount shall be established for less than \$100.00.

32 (c) Weekly benefit amount entitlement as computed in this Code section shall not exceed  
33 these amounts for the applicable time period:

34 (1) For claims filed on or after July 1, 1990, but before July 1, 1994, the maximum  
35 weekly benefit amount shall not exceed \$185.00;

36 (2) For claims filed on or after July 1, 1994, but before July 1, 1995, the maximum  
37 weekly benefit amount shall not exceed \$195.00;

38 (3) For claims filed on or after July 1, 1995, but before July 1, 1996, the maximum  
39 weekly benefit amount shall not exceed \$205.00;

40 (4) For claims filed on or after July 1, 1996, but before July 1, 1997, the maximum  
41 weekly benefit amount shall not exceed \$215.00;

42 (5) For claims filed on or after July 1, 1997, but before July 1, 1998, the maximum  
43 weekly benefit amount shall not exceed \$224.00;

44 (6) For claims filed on or after July 1, 1998, but before July 1, 1999, the maximum  
45 weekly benefit amount shall not exceed \$244.00;

46 (7) For claims filed on or after July 1, 1999, but before July 1, 2000, the maximum  
47 weekly benefit amount shall not exceed \$264.00;

48 (8) For claims filed on or after July 1, 2000, but before July 1, 2001, the maximum  
49 weekly benefit amount shall not exceed \$274.00;

50 (9) For claims filed on or after July 1, 2001, but before July 1, 2002, the maximum  
51 weekly benefit amount shall not exceed \$284.00;

52 (10) For claims filed on or after July 1, 2002, but before July 1, 2003, the maximum  
53 weekly benefit amount shall not exceed \$295.00;

54 (11) For claims filed on or after July 1, 2003, but before July 1, 2005, the maximum  
55 weekly benefit amount shall not exceed \$300.00;

56 (12) For claims filed on or after July 1, 2005, but before July 1, 2006, the maximum  
57 weekly benefit amount shall not exceed \$310.00;

58 (13) For claims filed on or after July 1, 2006, but before July 1, 2008, the maximum  
59 weekly benefit amount shall not exceed \$320.00; ~~and~~

60 (14) For claims filed on or after July 1, 2008, the maximum weekly benefit amount shall  
61 not exceed \$330.00; and

62 (15) For claims filed on or after July 1, 2019, the maximum weekly benefit amount shall  
63 not exceed \$400.00."

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**SECTION 2.**

65 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.