AN ACT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To authorize, on a temporary basis, the appropriation of $7.241 million from the funds distributed
to the District of Columbia pursuant to section 903(d) of the Social Security Act to
improve the administration of the Unemployment Compensation Program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
act may be cited as the "Unemployment Compensation Additional Funds Appropriation
Authorization Temporary Act of 2004".

Sec. 2. From the funds distributed to the District of Columbia account in the
Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, pursuant to section 903(d) of the Social Security Act,
approved August 5, 1954 (68 Stat. 670; 42 U.S.C. § 1103(d)), there is further authorized to be
appropriated $7.241 million to be used for the following administrative purposes:
> (1) Installation of a security application portal that will allow for one password to
work on all DOES systems;
> (2) Conversion of the Automated Benefit System from the present mainframe
platform to a Web-based environment which offers greater flexibility in service;
> (3) Installation of the Benefit Audit, Recovery and Tracking System which will
support the auditing of Unemployment Compensation benefit payments to verify that payments
were made accurately, will identify improperly paid claims and facilitate recapture of overpaid
benefits;
> (4) Install Unemployment Insurance ("UI") systems for the Educational
Stepladder program as required by the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Support Act of 2004, signed by
the Mayor on August 2, 2004 (D.C. Act 15-487; 51 DCR 8441);
> (5) Provide UI customers not enrolled in direct deposit program debit cards to
access benefits;
> (6) Provide residents with access to thousands of untapped job listings by
"spydering" association and corporate web pages;
> (7) Provide for the exchange of data via a common database between the Web-

Enabled Benefits Services benefit payment system and the Virtual One-Stop re-employment services;

    (8) Install an automated customer service UI Help Desk;

    (9) Change the Unemployment Compensation Benefit and Tax Systems Mainframe programming language from COBOL II to COBOL 390 as mandated by the Office of the Chief Technology Officer;

    (10) Provide for changes to the automated tax system that are required by recently enacted federal legislation to detect and prevent State Unemployment Tax dumping, a manipulation by employers to inappropriately lower their UI tax rate; and

    (11) To provide for the support of the Information Technology Support Center in Remote System Development.

  Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

  The Council adopts the attached fiscal impact statement of as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

  Sec. 4. Effective date.

  (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

  (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

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Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor
District of Columbia