

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 \$7.6 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 Funds Appropriation Authorization Temporary Act of 2003".

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 authorized to be appropriated \$7.6 million to be used for the following administrative purposes:

- (1) Parallel training of the staff of the Department of Employment Services to replace the expert contractor staff currently maintaining the unemployment compensation tax and benefit systems;
- (2) Funding for the maintenance of the information technology systems supporting the Unemployment Compensation Program and the Virtual One-Stop Career Center System and the development of a system for the direct deposit of unemployment compensation benefit payments;
- (3) Promotions for certain career ladder staff in the Offices of Unemployment Compensation and Employment Services of the Department of Employment Services; and
- (4) Funding to implement a system to improve the integrity of the unemployment compensation program and to reduce the level of overpayments, particularly those attributable to fraud or abuse of the program.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the attached fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer 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)).

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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