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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FUND --
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Representatives McEntee, Cortvriend, Solomon, Caldwell, Craven, and
Nardone

Date Introduced: February 09, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 28-42 of the General Laws entitled "Employment Security - General
2 Provisions" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **28-42-18.1. Replenishment of the employment security fund.**

4 As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the employment security fund has been
5 significantly reduced. Beginning in March of 2020 and continuing, that depletion has been caused
6 in part, by the increase in unemployment claims and the governor's declaration of a disaster
7 emergency, pursuant to chapter 15 of title 30. The State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) monies
8 apportioned to the State of Rhode Island, pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
9 (ARPA), Pub. L. 117-2, shall be hereby appropriated in an amount sufficient to restore the
10 employment security fund to the level it had reached immediately prior to the March 9, 2020,
11 executive emergency declaration.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would appropriate federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to the state
2 employment security fund in an amount sufficient to restore the fund to its level immediately prior
3 to the governor's March 9, 2020, emergency declaration.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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