REPORT OF THE

State Unemployment Trust Fund Authority Ad Hoc Subcommittee

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HOUSE BILL 3762

H. 3762 -- Reps. Cooper, White, Bowen, Gambrell and Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 41-31-45, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN A YEAR IN WHICH THE FUND IS IN DEBT STATUS, THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, AMONGST OTHER ESTIMATES, MUST ESTIMATE THE AMOUNT OF INCOME NECESSARY TO REPAY ALL OUTSTANDING FEDERAL LOANS WITHIN EIGHT YEARS.

Summary of Bill:

This bill extends the federal loan repayment of the

Unemployment Trust Fund to eight years.

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Full Committee Recommendation:

Pending

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Sponsors: Reps. Cooper, White, Bowen, Gambrell, Thayer and Sandifer

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HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

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3/1/2011	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 3)
3/1/2011	House	Referred to Committee on Ways and Means (House Journal-page 3)
3/2/2011	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Sandifer

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VERSIONS OF THIS BILL

3/1/2011

A BILL

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TO AMEND SECTION 41-31-45, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN A 14 YEAR IN WHICH THE FUND IS IN DEBT STATUS, THE 15 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, 16 AMONGST OTHER ESTIMATES, MUST ESTIMATE THE AMOUNT OF INCOME NECESSARY TO REPAY ALL OUTSTANDING FEDERAL LOANS WITHIN EIGHT YEARS. 18

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South 21 Carolina:

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SECTION 1. Section 41-31-45(B) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 234 of 2010, is amended to read:

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- "(B) For each calendar year during which the state Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund is in debt status, the department must estimate the amount of income necessary to pay benefits for that year, the amount of income necessary to avoid automatic FUTA credit reductions, and an amount of income necessary to repay all outstanding federal loans within five eight years. Additional estimates of interest costs shall be determined concurrently.
- (1) Estimates of the revenue needed to pay benefits will be based on Congressional Budget Office projections for the subsequent calendar year's total unemployment rate. This total unemployment rate will be adjusted for South Carolina based on the historic relationship between the unemployment rate in South Carolina and the national unemployment rate calculated from 1980 to present. 40
- (2) The historic relationship, calculated from 1980 to 41 42 present, between the total unemployment rate and the insured

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1 unemployment rate in South Carolina will be used to adjust the projected total unemployment rate to the rate of insured unemployment.

- (3) Estimates of forecasted benefits will be based upon the prior three year average of the annual number of weeks compensated multiplied by an estimate of the average weekly benefit for the next year.
- (4) Estimates of amounts to pay to avoid FUTA credit 8 reductions and amount of repayments on the loan will be projected through consultation with officials at the US Department of 10 11 Labor."

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13 SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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