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The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact, and results in the fiscal impact identified below.

The amendment increases the dependency allowance for individuals eligible to receive unemployment benefits from $15 to $45, starting on July 1, 2027. This results in an annual cost to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund (UITF) of approximately $11 million, starting in FY 28. There is also a one-time $500,000 cost to make state-specific technology changes to ReEmployCT[1].

According to the Department of Labor (DOL), an average of $5.4 million was paid in FY 24 for dependency allowances. The average unemployment rate in the state during FY 24 was 3%. The costs identified above could be higher if unemployment rates go up, leading to more people filing for benefits.

[1] DOL's unemployment tax and benefits system.

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