Unemployment Benefit Reform Comparison

State	Old Benefit Structure	New Benefit Structure
Arkansas	26 Weeks	25 Weeks. Benefits frozen at maximum of \$451
Florida	26 Weeks	Benefits range from 12 to 23 weeks based on
		state unemployment rate. 5% or lower equals 12 weeks of benefits. For every .5% increase,
		one week of benefits added, maximum weeks
		at 23 when rate is 10.5% or higher.
Georgia	26 Weeks	Benefits range from 12 to 20 weeks based on
		state unemployment rate. 12 weeks when
		rate is at or below 5.49%. for every .5%
		increase, on week of benefits added,
		maximum weeks at 20 when rate exceeds 9%
Illinois	26 Weeks	25 Weeks
Indiana		Average weekly benefits drop from \$283 to
		\$220. Benefits based on average salary, not
		highest quarter. Changes to eligibility,
		severance pay, refusal of work.
Michigan	26 Weeks	20 Weeks
Missouri	26 Weeks	20 Weeks
North Carolina	26 Weeks	Benefits range from 12 to 20 weeks, 12 weeks
		when state unemployment rate falls below
		5.5%, maximum weeks at 20 when rate is 9%
		or higher. Increases maximum rate on
		employers from 5.7% to 5.76%. Additional
		reforms included.
Rhode Island		Reduced average weekly benefits by \$100
South Carolina	26 Weeks	20 weeks, modified seasonal employees

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