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§21A-6A-5. Total extended benefit amount.

The total extended benefit amount payable to an eligible individual with respect to his or her applicable benefit year shall be the least of the following amounts:

(1) Fifty percent of the total amount of regular benefits which were payable to him or her under this chapter in his or her applicable benefit year;

(2) Thirteen times his or her weekly benefit amount which was payable to him or her under this chapter for a week of total unemployment in the applicable benefit year: *Provided*, That an individual filing for extended benefits through the interstate benefit payment plan and residing in a state where an extended benefit period is not in effect shall be limited to payment for only the first two weeks of such extended benefits: *Provided, however*, That during any fiscal year in which federal payments to states under section 204 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 are reduced under an order issued under section 252 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the total extended benefit amount payable to an individual with respect to his or her applicable benefit year shall be reduced by an amount equal to the aggregate of the reductions under §21A-6A-4 of this code in the weekly amounts paid to the individual.

(3)(A) For weeks beginning in a high unemployment period, subdivision (1) of this section shall be applied by substituting 80 percent for 50 percent, and subdivision (2) of this section shall be applied by substituting 20 for 13.

(B) For the purposes of this article, the term "high unemployment period" means any period during which the provisions of §21A-6A-1(3) of this code would result in a "state >on' indicator" if §21A-6A-1(3) of this code were applied by substituting eight percent for six and one-half percent.

(4) The amendments made to this section during the 2024 Regular Session shall become effective July 1, 2024.

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