OLR Bill Analysis SB 320

AN ACT CONCERNING RAISING THE THRESHOLD FOR UNEMPLOYMENT OVERPAYMENTS.

SUMMARY

This bill increases, from \$500 to \$2,000, the financial threshold that determines whether someone's unemployment compensation fraud is a misdemeanor or a felony.

Existing law prohibits someone from knowingly making a false statement or failing to disclose a material fact to obtain, increase, prevent, or decrease an unemployment benefit, contribution, or other payment. Under current law, someone who does so is guilty of a (1) class A misdemeanor if it amounts to \$500 or less or (2) class D felony if it amounts to more than \$500. The bill increases this threshold to \$2,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/22/2022)