

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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SB-347

AN ACT INCREASING THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT FOR FELONY  
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FRAUD.

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill, which increases the dollar threshold for felony unemployment compensation fraud from \$500 to \$2,000, results in a minimal potential revenue gain in FY 27 and FY 28. By reclassifying fraud overpayments in amounts greater than \$500 but less than \$2,000 from a class D felony to a class A misdemeanor, the bill decreases the maximum fine that may be imposed for these offenses, but if this change increases the frequency with which these fines are imposed, the revenue collected under this statute may be greater than previous years.<sup>1</sup> This bill is not anticipated to affect the number of persons incarcerated or the number of persons under supervision in the community.

Finally, this bill does not result in any fiscal impact to the Department of Labor (DOL) as the change in classification is not expected to affect workload for the agency. As background, DOL reported that 1,992 fraud

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<sup>1</sup> In the past four years, the state has not collected any revenue from fines under CGS 31-273.

overpayments were for amounts greater than \$500 but less than \$2,000 in 2025.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of fines imposed.