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Rep. Paul Tittl votes for workforce recovery legislation

Madison... Representative Paul Tittl (R-Manitowoc) voted for legislation that will encourage unemployed individuals to return to work as businesses and employees navigate a worker shortage. In addition, the [bill](#) ends Wisconsin's participation in federal unemployment compensation enhancement programs, which discourages returning to work.

“Wisconsin’s economy is open, demand for products and services is high, and many businesses can’t find enough workers to meet that demand,” Rep. Tittl said. “The enhanced benefits are no longer necessary as we have a workforce shortage, and businesses have implemented many safety precautions to get Wisconsinites back to work in a safe environment.”

The bill ends Wisconsin’s participation in the following federal programs:

- Pandemic unemployment assistance (PUA) program
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment compensation (PEUC) program
- Federal pandemic unemployment compensation (FPUC) program
- Mixed earner unemployment compensation (MEUC) program

The federal supplement provides an additional \$300 per week on top of state benefits. Currently, 25 other states have opted out of the federal benefits, set to expire on September 6, 2021.

The bill also ensures that individuals who file for Unemployment Insurance are actively searching for a job to be eligible to collect benefits. The governor waived that requirement last year through an emergency rule.

“Many employers in my district have increased wages and may even be offering sign-on bonuses,” Rep. Paul Tittl said. “They shouldn’t be competing with the government to attract enough workers to stay open.”

According to an [SR Poll Results](#) report, 71 percent of voters favor ending the enhanced federal unemployment payments. This includes 67 percent of independents and 59 percent of Democrats. If the legislation is signed by Governor Evers, the Wisconsin unemployment compensation program will return to pre-pandemic operations and provide an ongoing safety net for those who truly need it.

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The 25th Assembly District includes portions of Manitowoc & Calumet Counties