The Floor amendment sponsored by Speaker Bowers stipulates:

When setting the employer's contribution rate for the UI program, prohibits DES from considering any increased benefits charged against the employer's account as a result of the alternative benefits for individuals affected by COVID-19.

Permits DES to modify the eligibility requirements for the shared work program during the COVID-19 emergency declaration period, except DES cannot approve any person's shared work benefits if normal weekly hours have been reduced by more than 80%.

Modifies the intent clause.

Clarifies the declaration of emergency is federal.
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(Reference to printed bill)

1 Page 1, line 9, strike "the"
2 Line 10, strike "through" insert ", including the"
3 Line 12, after "a" insert "federal"
4 Line 13, after the period insert "In fixing employer contribution rates for the unemployment compensation fund established by section 23-701, Arizona Revised Statutes, the department may not consider increased benefits charged against an employer's account that resulted from alternative benefit eligibility for individuals affected by coronavirus disease 2019."
5 Between lines 14 and 15, insert:
6 "B. For employers and employees who opt to participate in the shared work plan established pursuant to title 23, chapter 4, article 5.1, Arizona Revised Statutes, the department of economic security may adjust eligibility requirements during the federal emergency declaration period related to coronavirus disease 2019, except that the department may not approve shared work benefits for an individual who has the individual's normal weekly hours reduced by more than eighty percent."
7 Reletter to conform
1 Page 1, line 17, after "the" insert "federal"

2 Line 19, after "the" insert "federal"; after "and" strike remainder of line

3 Line 20, strike "issued on March 11, 2020 and federal"

4 Line 25, after the period insert "For affected individuals and businesses during the federal declaration of emergency, the legislature further intends that this state ease eligibility requirements and strengthen access to the unemployment insurance program, including waiving work search requirements and the waiting week and not charging employers that are directly impacted by coronavirus disease 2019 due to an illness in the workplace or direction from a public health official to isolate or quarantine workers."

5 Amend title to conform

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