

**S.353: Summary of Differences Between House and Senate**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>House Differences</b>
<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expands the list of employment covered for hazard pay:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grocery stores</li> <li>○ Pharmacies</li> <li>○ Other essential retailers</li> <li>○ Trash collection and waste management</li> <li>○ Child care facilities that cared for children of essential workers</li> <li>○ Vocational rehabilitation providers</li> <li>○ Funeral or crematory establishments</li> <li>○ Security services that contracted with other covered employers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further expands the list of employment covered for hazard pay:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Septic services</li> <li>○ Privately owned wastewater treatment facilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Permits an individual who received UI benefits during the eligible period to also receive hazard pay</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	Appropriates additional \$19.5 million	Same
<b>3</b>	Permits AHS to delegate administration	Same
<b>4</b>	Effective date (on passage)	Amends 21 V.S.A. § 1347 to provide that UI penalty weeks will be temporarily suspended during a state of emergency related to a public health emergency or disaster that results in a 1 percentage point increase in statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate
<b>5</b>	N/A	Temporarily suspends UI penalty weeks during the state of emergency related to COVID-19
<b>6</b>	N/A	Amends 21 V.S.A. § 1344 so that the good cause reasons for refusing offer of employment mirror COVID-19 related good cause reasons for quitting a job
<b>7</b>	N/A	Repeals changes made in Sec. 6 on 3/31/21
<b>8</b>	N/A	Provides that UI tax rate schedule for 2021 will not be more than two schedules higher than 2020 unless the UI Trust Fund is projected to drop below \$90million between 4/15/21 and 12/31/21

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<b>9</b>	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains the UI taxable wage base at \$16,100 (instead of the scheduled decrease to \$14,100)</li> <li>• Requires DOL to report by 3/15/2021 regarding whether UI taxable wage base can decrease to \$14,100 in 2022</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	N/A	Effective date (on passage)