

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2025-029

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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 286

By: Senator J. Payton

Filed with: Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor  
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL WAGE LOSS BENEFITS IN  
ADDITION TO SCHEDULED INJURY PAYMENTS UNDER THE  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM  
INITIATED MEASURE 1948, NO. 4; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-9-521(g), concerning an employee  
suffering a scheduled injury under the Workers' Compensation Law, is amended  
to read as follows:

(g) ~~Any employee suffering a scheduled injury shall not be entitled to  
permanent partial disability benefits in excess of the percentage of  
permanent physical impairment set forth above except as otherwise provided in  
§ 11-9-519(b).~~ In considering a claim for permanent partial disability  
benefits in excess of the employee's percentage of permanent physical  
impairment, the Workers' Compensation Commission may take into account, in

addition to the percentage of permanent physical impairment, such factors as  
the employee's age, education, work experience, and other matters reasonably  
expected to affect his or her future earning capacity.

Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate

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