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# Special reports

# Federal and state Form W-4 compliance

Our special report, updated in May 2025, provides information that employers need to know about federal and state Form W-4 compliance, with topics including:

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- IRS lock-in letters compliance
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- Federal Form W-4 frequently asked questions
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# US employment tax rates and limits

Our 2025 edition of US employment tax rates and limits includes, as of March 25, 2025, the following:

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- Per diem rates under high-low substantiation method for 2025
- 2023 and 2024 FUTA credit reduction
- State unemployment insurance wage bases and tax rates for 2025
- Disability and paid family leave insurance wage base and rates for 2025

- Federal income tax withholding for 2025
- State income tax withholding tables, supplemental withholding and highest withholding tax rates for 2025

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Report on state unemployment insurance requirements for employee notices and workplace posters

Most states require that employers tell employees about their potential eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits. There are two forms of communications that most states require: (1) a notice to the employee at the time of separation and/or (2) a poster placed in a conspicuous location in the workplace.

Our special report includes the results of our September 3, 2024, survey of state workforce agency websites and includes links, if applicable, to the states' requirements for unemployment insurance employee separation notices and workplace posters.

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# Federal

IRS announces that 2025 information statements/returns and withholding tables will not be updated for changes under the OBBBA

On August 7, 2025, the IRS announced (IR-2025-82) that it will not update individual information returns or withholding tables to reflect changes made by the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" (P.L. 119-21, OBBBA) for the 2025 tax year. The IRS said that employers and payroll providers should continue using current procedures for reporting and withholding.

—Read more about this development in Tax Alert 2025-1671

IRS releases draft 2026 Forms W-2 and W-4 with provisions for reporting tips and overtime The IRS released a draft Form W-2 and draft Form W-4 for 2026. The draft forms and instructions include provisions for reporting tip and overtime payments that qualify for deduction from federal taxable income under the OBBBA for tax years 2025 through 2028.

—Read more about this development in Tax Alert 2025-1745

# State income tax withholding

Louisiana law expands nonresident income tax exemption for short-term business travelers Louisiana <u>H.B. 567</u>, signed into law by Governor Jeff Landry, increases the threshold for nonresident employee income tax and withholding from 25 to 30 days, effective January 1, 2026.

—Read more about this development in Tax Alert 2025-1707

Maryland issues revised income tax withholding formula for immediate use The Comptroller of Maryland has updated its income tax withholding formula to reflect recently-enacted H.B. 352 which, retroactive to January 1, 2025, adds two new tax brackets, increases the standard deduction and allows for a higher maximum county tax rate.

—Read more about this development in Tax Alert 2025-1680

Ohio legislation lowers top personal tax rate retroactive to January 1, 2025, implements flat tax in 2026

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed into law H.B. 96, which implements a two-year phased transition to a flat personal income tax rate. Specifically, retroactive to January 1, 2025, the top personal income tax rate is reduced from 3.5% to 3.125%. Effective January 1, 2026, a flat personal income tax rate of 2.75% applies to income over \$26,050.

—Read more about this development in Tax Alert 2025-1744

Wisconsin law provides middle-income tax cuts and retirement income tax relief retroactive to January 1, 2025

On July 3, 2025, Wisconsin Governor Tommy Evers signed the state's budget bill, officially known as 2025 Wisconsin Act 15 (SB 45), which includes an income tax cut for middle-income individuals and income tax relief on retirement income.

—Read more about this development in Tax Alert 2025-1727

resulting from the state carrying an unpaid FUTA loan.

# Other payroll developments

Missouri law repeals paid sick leave requirement and automatic annual increases to the minimum wage

For information purposes only. Employers should consider seeking the assistance of experienced employment law attorneys before implementing policy changes.

Governor Mike Kehoe signed into law H.B. 567 which, effective on and after August 28, 2025, reverses Missouri's paid sick leave requirement. In addition, effective in 2027, the law eliminates annual cost of living increases to the minimum wage. Both repealed provisions were enacted under Proposition A.

—Read more about this development in Tax Alert 2025-1657

Bill watch (tracking the status of legislation proposed in January through July 2025)

All state legislatures have ended for the year except for: Delaware (special session), California, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

#### Federal

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<u>S. 1443</u>	Status: Referred to Committee on Finance (4-10-2025)	Topic: Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act of 2025
For state income tax and withholding purposes, would provide a 30-day safe harbor for employees who travel across state borders for temporary periods to perform work duties.		

#### Federal

HR 1959	Status: Sent to Committee on Ways and Means (3-6-2025)	Topic: Federal unemployment insurance
Would relieve employers from an increase in their federal unemployment insurance taxes (FUTA)		

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# Alabama

	HB 467	Status: Introduced in House and referred to House Ways and Means Education (3-20-	Topic: No tax on overtime pay
		2025) Legislature no longer in session	
I	Effective upon enactment, would remove the June 30, 2025, sunset date for excluding overtime		

Effective upon enactment, would remove the June 30, 2025, sunset date for excluding overtime pay from Alabama state income tax.

# Alabama

HB 259	Status: Pending in House Ways and Means Education (2-11-2025) Legislature no longer in session	Topic: Relocation tax incentive
Effective October 1, 2025, would provide employees who relocate to or work remotely for employers in certain counties within Alabama a state income tax credit.		

#### Alabama

HB 379	Status: Became law (5-14-2025)	Topic: Nonresident income tax
Effective January 1, 2026, exempts remote workers from nonresident income tax if they are		
present within the state for 30 or fewer days in the calendar year.		

# Arizona

HB 2081	Status: Passed House (2-10-2025); second	Topic: No tax on tips
	reading in Senate (2-25-2025)	·
	Legislature no longer in session	
Effective January 1, 2025, would allow a deduction from Arizona gross earnings for tips.		

# Arkansas

HB 1116	Status: Died in House Committee (5-5-2025) Legislature no longer in session	Topic: Nonresident income tax
income if the employ	, 2026, would not require employers to wi yee works in Arkansas for less than 15 da state has a similar provision.	

# Colorado

Ballot initiative 119	Status: To be included on November 2026	Topic: No tax on tips or overtime
	ballot	pay
Effective January 1, 2	2025, would adopt the federal deduction	for overtime pay and tips.

# Connecticut

SB 1369	Status: Referred to House Committee on	Topic: New state payroll tax
	Finance, Revenue and Bonding (3-13-2025)	
	Legislature no longer in session	
Effective January 1, 2026, would create a new 1.5% payroll tax to fund the Workforce Child Care		

Effective January 1, 2026, would create a new 1.5% payroll tax to fund the Workforce Child Care Fund, which would provide direct financial assistance to families and childcare providers.

## Connecticut

S.B. 1558	Status: Became law (6-23-2025)	Topic: Convenience of the
		employer rule

Effective retroactive to January 1, 2020, provides a 60% tax credit to any resident who successfully challenges another state's convenience of the employer rule. S.B. 1558 is modeled after New Jersey's convenience of the employer challenge law, which provides a credit to residents who successfully sue other states for wrongfully collecting income tax on work performed in New Jersey, particularly residents who paid New York state income taxes after working remotely for companies based in New York City.

# Georgia

HB 111	Status: Became law (4-15-2025)	Topic: State income tax

Retroactive to January 1, 2025, reduces the state's income tax rate of 5.29% to 5.19% and decreases rates by 10 basis points, or 0.1%, annually, starting in 2026 until the rate reaches 4.99%.

#### Hawaii

HB 283	Status: Referred to Committee (1-21-2025) Legislature no longer in session	Topic: State income tax
Effective January 1,	2026, would eliminate the state's income	e tax.

## Hawaii

SB 1470	Status: Became law 4-24-2025	Topic: State income tax

Effective retroactive to January 1, 2025, repeals: (1) the maximum tax rate that may be considered in determining the amount of income tax that must be withheld and (2) the requirement that a standard deduction allowance be treated as if it was denominated as a withholding exemption. For the purpose of income tax withholding, permits the Director of Taxation to prescribe a standard deduction allowance of more or less than one whole exemption.

#### Idaho

<u>HB 40</u>	Status: Became law 3-6-2025	Topic: Income tax rates
Effective retroactive	e to January 1, 2025, lowers personal and	d corporate tax rates from 5.695%

# Illinois

SB 174 / SB 2981	Status: Referred to Senate Assignments, co-sponsor added (2-11-2025) Legislature no longer in session	Topic: No tax on overtime pay
Effective immediately, would allow a deduction from Illinois taxable income for overtime pay. SB		

Effective immediately, would allow a deduction from Illinois taxable income for overtime pay. SB 2981 would allow the overtime deduction in excess of the regular salary.

## Indiana

HB 1001	Status: Became law without the provision for no tax on tips (5-06-2025)	Topic: No tax on tips
Effective January 1, tax.	2025, would have exempted tips from the	e Indiana adjusted gross income

#### Iowa

HF 1024	Status: Placed on House Ways and Means calendar (5-15-2025) Legislature no longer in session	Topic: No tax on tips
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Would exempt the first \$25,000 in cash tips received by taxpayers with a net income of less than \$155,000 from individual income taxation.

#### Iowa

SF 607	Status: Sent to Governor (5-23-2025)	Topic: Unemployment insurance
	Legislature no longer in session	

Would modify the definition of "taxable wages" for purposes of unemployment insurance taxes on employers by excluding wages paid by lowa employers to employees who work in another state if the other state extends reciprocity to lowa for employment purposes. Would reduce the taxable wage base used to calculate unemployment insurance taxes for employers from 66.7% to 33.3% of the annualized statewide average wage. Would modify employer contribution rates, including changing the highest contribution rate from 9.0% to 5.4%.

#### Iowa

	Status: House Labor and Workforce Committee (1-30-2025) Legislature no longer in session	Topic: Unemployment insurance tax reform
Gov. Reynolds proposed lowering the maximum tax rate to the lowest allowed by federal law		

(5.4%), cutting the taxable wage base by half, and simplifying the unemployment insurance system by reducing the number of tax tables.

## Kansas

SB 269	Status: Became law (4-10-2025)	Topic: State income tax

Effective January 1, 2025, and if revenue goals are met, will gradually lower the income tax rates until the state's two income tax brackets are collapsed to one at 4%. The budget director will determine by August 15, 2025, whether the 2025 fiscal year's total State General Fund tax receipts exceeded the 2024 fiscal year's amount, adjusted for inflation.

#### Louisiana

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HB 667	Status: Passed House, Referred to Senate	Topic: State income tax
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	Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs	
	(5-12-2025) Legislature no longer in	
	(3-12-2023) Legislature no longer in	
	session	
Would reduce the state's income tay rate from 3% to 2.75% effective January 1. 2027, if vote		ffective lanuary 1 2027 if votors

Would reduce the state's income tax rate from 3% to 2.75% effective January 1, 2027, if voters approve a constitutional amendment repealing the Budget Stabilization Fund.

## Maine

LD 106	Status: Bill tabled (4-10-2025)	Topic: Paid Family and Medical
		Leave Insurance
Effective January 1	2026 would have established that leave	naid under a state naid family and

Effective January 1, 2026, would have established that leave paid under a state paid family and medical leave plan is taxable to the extent the benefits are included in federal taxable income.

#### Maine

LD 54	Status: Passed House and Senate with	Topic: Pay transparency
	Amendment, House to consider amendment	
	(5-21-2025) Carried over to any special or	
	regular session of the 132nd Legislature	

Effective 90 days after enactment, would require an employer with 10 or more employees to: (1) include on a job posting a statement listing the prospective range of pay the employer will offer to a successful applicant, (2) disclose the range of pay it offers for the position the employee holds upon an employee's request and (3) maintain a record of each position held by an employee and the employee's pay history during the employee's employment and for three years after the employee's termination of employment.

#### Maine

LD 229	Status: Passed House (6-13-2025)	Topic: State income tax
	Carried over to any special or regular	
	session of the 132nd Legislature	

Effective January 1, 2026, would reduce the number of income tax brackets to five from seven and increase the tax rate on the top two brackets to 7.75% and 8.95%. The current top rates are 6.75% and 7.15%. It is anticipated that Governor Janet Mills will veto the measure.

# Maryland

H.B. 352 (p. 160)	Status: Became law (4-7-2025)	Topic: State income tax; state
, ,		unemployment insurance

State income tax. Effective retroactive to January 1, 2025, raises the income tax rate from 5.75% to 6.25% for taxpayers earning \$500,001 to \$1 million and from 5.75% to 6.5% for taxpayers earning more than \$1 million. The law also increases the maximum local tax rate from 3.2% to 3.3% and raises the standard deduction.

State unemployment insurance. Beginning January 1, 2026, (1) imposes an unemployment insurance administrative fee of 0.15% on all taxable employers, (2) requires that all associated revenue be deposited into the Special Administrative Expense Fund to be used for specified administrative expenses, and (3) reduces the unemployment insurance tax rate assigned to each taxable employer by 0.15%, subject to a minimum overall tax rate of 1.0% for new employers.

## Maryland

HB 102	Status: Became law (4-8-2025)	Topic: Paid Family and Medical
		Leave Insurance

Delays the start date of the state's paid family and medical leave insurance program from July 1, 2025, to January 1, 2027. Delays the dates on which the payment of contributions for paid family and medical leave insurance begins and the date on which benefit claims may be filed to January 1, 2028.

## Massachusetts

H 3173	Status: Introduced (2-27-2025)	Topic: No tax on overtime pay
Would exempt overtime pay from income tax with the clarification that the provision does not		
apply to salaried exempt employees.		

## Michigan

HB 4170	Status: Passed House, transmitted to Senate (3-20-2025)	Topic: State income tax
Effective January 1,	2025, would lower the income tax rate fi	rom 4.25% to 4.05%.

# Michigan

HB 4001	Status: Passed House, referred to Senate	Topic: Minimum wage
	Committee on Regulatory Affairs (2-4-	
	2025)	

Effective immediately, would introduce a new schedule for general minimum wage increases through January 1, 2029, and maintain the tipped minimum wage at 38% of the regular hourly minimum wage. Would adjust the unemployment rate threshold for annual minimum wage increases from 8.5% to 7.5%.

#### Minnesota

<u>SF 589</u>	Status: Referred to Taxes (1-27-2025) Legislature no longer in session	Topic: No tax on overtime pay
Effective January 1, Minnesota state inco	2026, would exempt overtime pay requirement	red under federal law from

# Minnesota

SF 46, <u>HF 950</u>	Status: Referred to Taxes (1-16-2025)	Topic: Nonresident income tax
	Legislature no longer in session	

Effective January 1, 2026, would exempt certain nonresident employees from Minnesota nonresident income tax and withholding if they work in the state for fewer than 30 days in the calendar year.

# Missouri

H.B. 100, SB 151	Status: Further action postponed (2-11-	Topic: State income tax
	2025)	
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Effective January 1, 2026, would implement a flat 4% income tax rate and, starting in 2027, provide for 10 annual reductions of 0.1 percentage points, while retaining the budget requirements established under <u>SB 3 (2022)</u>.

# Missouri

HB 798	Status: Passed House (3-11-2025),	Topic: State income tax
	Referred to Senate Committee (4-9-2025)	
	Legislature no longer in session	

Effective January 1, 2026, would implement a flat 4.7% income tax rate and, starting in 2027, the 4% flat tax would be reduced when the revenue grows by at least \$1 million and the Tax Reform Fund is at least \$120 million at the end of the fiscal year.

#### Missouri

H.B. 567	Status: Became law (7-10-2025)	Topic: Employment law

Effective immediately, repeals the changes under voter-approved <u>Proposition A</u>, which raised the minimum wage to \$13.75 effective January 1, 2025, with annual cost of living adjustments each year thereafter, and requires employers to provide paid leave to employees.

# Mississippi

<u>HB 1</u>	Status: Became law (3-27-2025)	Topic: State income tax
Starting in 2027 ar	l adually reduces the state's income tay rat	countil it is phased out completely

Starting in 2027, gradually reduces the state's income tax rate until it is phased out completely by 2037.

#### Montana

H.B. 210	Status: Became law (4-7-2025)	Topic: Unemployment insurance
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Effective January 1, 2026, adds a lower contribution tax rate schedule and changes the tax schedule rate trigger, thereby lowering the average tax rate from 1.12 to 0.95 in new Schedule I.

#### Montana

SB 203	Status: Tabled by House (4-16-2025)	Topic: State income tax

Effective retroactive to January 1, 2025, would increase the income thresholds before taxable income is taxed at the higher marginal tax rates of either 5.9% or 4.1%. S.B. 323, which failed to pass in the Senate, included a reduction in the top marginal income tax rate, from 5.9% to 5.4% in 2026 and to 4.9% in 2027. The bill also proposed increasing Montana's earned income tax credit from 10% to 15% of the federal credit.

# Montana

HB 337	Status: Became law (4-28-2025)	Topic: State income tax

Reduces Montana's top marginal income tax rate from 5.9% to 5.65% effective in 2026, and to 5.4% effective in 2027. Montana Governor Greg Gianforte had <u>called for</u> a reduction in the maximum individual income tax rate from 5.9% to 4.9%, in addition to an expansion of the Montana earned income tax credit.

## New York

AB 8953	Status: Referred to Assembly Ways and	Topic: Local income tax
	Means (7-16-2025)	
Effective January 1, 2026, would allow a 2% surtax on city taxable income over \$1 million.		

#### New York

AB A3009B (p.7)	Status: Became law (5-9-2025)	Topic: State income tax, payroll
A3006-C		mobility tax, elimination of
		federal unemployment insurance
		credit reduction in 2025

First, effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2032, the law sets the tax rate at 10.75% on income between \$10 million and \$25 million, 11.75% on income over \$25 million but less than \$100 million, and 12% on income over \$100 million; the tax rates for the first five of the existing nine brackets are lowered in 2026 and again in 2027. Second, effective July 1, 2025, the law reduces the payroll mobility tax for small businesses and increases it for large businesses. Third, the law requires that the state's outstanding federal unemployment insurance (FUTA) loan balance be repaid thereby eliminating the FUTA surtax on New York employers.

# New York

SB S1514	Status: Passed Senate, referred to House Committee on Labor (3-5-2025) Legislature no longer in session	Topic: Worker classification
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Would empower the Commissioner of Labor to issue stop-work orders against employers for misclassifying employees as independent contractors or providing false, incomplete or misleading information to an insurance company on the number of employees.

#### New York

AB A8965	Status: Referred to Assembly Ways and Means (8-13-2025)	Topic: No tax on overtime
Would define overtime compensation as wages earned for hours worked beyond an employee's		

Would define overtime compensation as wages earned for hours worked beyond an employee's normal scheduled working hours. If enacted, the measure would take effect immediately and apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

#### North Carolina

Committee on Rules (2-27-2025)	HB 48	Status: Passed House, referred to Senate	Topic: Unemployment insurance
		Committee on Rules (2-27-2025)	

Would raise the maximum Unemployment Insurance (UI) weekly benefit amount from \$350 to \$450 and provide an employer tax credit equal to the employer's UI tax payment made on or before January 31, 2025.

#### North Carolina

HB 459 Sta	tatus: Referred to House Committee on	Topic: State income tax
Ru	tules (3-20-2025)	

Effective retroactive to January 1, 2025, would set the state's individual income tax rate at 4.25%, up from 3.99% for tax years beginning after 2025. Would also amend the general revenue amount that would trigger a reduction of the state's individual income tax rate beginning with fiscal year 2027-28.

# North Carolina

HB 11	Status: Referred to Committee on Finance	Topic: No tax on tips, overtime
	(3-11-2025)	pay
Effective January 1, 2025, would provide tax deductions for overtime pay, bonus compensation		

Effective January 1, 2025, would provide tax deductions for overtime pay, bonus compensation up to \$2,500 and qualified tips.

#### Ohio

H.B. 96	Status: Became law (6-30-2025)	Topic: State income tax

Reduces the top income tax rate from 3.5% to 3.125% for tax year 2025, then implements a flat 2.75% rate for tax year 2026 and after. Taxpayers earning \$26,050 or less per year are exempt from the income tax. For 2025 and 2026, the income tax brackets and personal exemptions are not subject to inflation indexing.

# Oklahoma

H.B. 2764	Status: Became law (5-28-2025)	Topic: State income tax

Effective January 1, 2026, amends the state's income tax brackets for individual taxpayers to provide that single taxpayers and married taxpayers filing separately will be taxed at a rate of 0% tax on the first \$3,750; 2.5% tax on the next \$1,150; 3.5% tax on the next \$2,300; and 4.5% tax on the remainder. Married individuals will be taxed at the rate of 0% tax on the first \$7,500; 2.5% tax on the next \$2,300; 3.5% tax on the next \$4,600; and 4.5% tax on the remainder. If budget goals are reached, the tax rates will be further reduced by 0.25% until they reach 0%.

Pennsylvania

SB 527	Status: Passed Senate, referred to House	Topic: Philadelphia wage tax
	(6-24-2025)	

Would prohibit "first-class cities" (i.e., Philadelphia) from imposing a tax on nonresident individuals' salaries, wages or other compensation if they are employed by an employer located in the city but perform all duties or services outside of the city; if the individual performs only some of their duties or services within the city limits, only those duties or services can be taxed. (See PA Senate Republicans press release.)

Pennsylvania

S.B. 206	Status: Referred to Senate Finance (1-29-	Topic: State income tax
	2025)	
Effective January 1, 2026, would eliminate the state's income tax on individual taxpayers, trusts		
and estates.		

Pennsylvania

HB 1393	Status: Referred to Senate Finance (5-5-	Topic: Paid family and medical
	2025)	leave tax credit

Would create a state tax credit for qualified business firms that provide paid family and medical leave to their employees equal to the amount that a qualified business firm receives for the equivalent federal family and medical leave tax credit.

Pennsylvania

HB 1610	Status: Passed House, referred to Senate	Topic: No tax on tips and
	Finance (6-25-2025)	overtime pay

Effective January 1, 2026, would exempt overtime pay and tips from state income tax claimed as a deduction on the taxpayer's state income tax return; employers would continue to be required to withhold state income tax from overtime. Tips and gratuities would be excluded from the definition of compensation.

Rhode Island

S. 329	Status: Held for further study (5-29-2025)	Topic: State income tax
Would impose an add	ditional 3% income tax on certain taxpaye	ers with taxable income over
\$625,000 for tax years beginning after January 1, 2026.		

South Carolina

Governor Henry McMaster Budget Proposal	Status: Proposed (1-13-2025) Legislature no longer in session	Topic: State income tax
Governor McMaster has proposed lowering the top tax rate from 6.2% to 6.0%		

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South Carolina

HB 4216	Status: Passed House, referred to Senate	Topic: State income tax
	(5-7-2025) Legislature no longer in session	

Effective January 1, 2026, would amend the individual income tax rate by creating two tax rates depending on income brackets for tax years beginning after 2025: 1.99% for income not exceeding \$30,000; 5.59% minus \$1,020 for income exceeding \$30,000. The state's current rates are 0%, 3% and 6.2%.

#### South Dakota

SB 26		Status: Became law (3-26-2025)	Topic: Unemployment insurance
Effectiv	e January 1	2026 reduces employer contribution ra	tes and increases the administrative

Effective January 1, 2026, reduces employer contribution rates and increases the administrative fee rate for reemployment assistance.

#### Utah

<u>HB 106</u>	Status: Became law (3-25-2025)	Topic: State income tax
Effective retroactive	e to January 1, 2025, lowers the state's p	ersonal and corporate income tax

#### Utah

HB 279	Status: Became law (3-25-2025)	Topic: Earned wage access
Effective May 7, 202	25, provides rules governing employee-ea	rned wage access services.

## Vermont

H 77	Status: Referred to House Committee on	Topic: State income tax
	Ways and Means (1-23-2025) Legislature	
	no longer in session	

Effective January 1, 2026, would increase the income thresholds for the state's income tax brackets for individuals, trusts, and estates and would create a new 12.75% rate for single filers with income over \$1 million.

# Virginia

HB 1965	Status: Did not pass before legislative	Topic: No tax on tips
	session ended	

Effective January 1, 2026, would provide an individual income tax deduction for cash tips, including tips paid by electronic means that are included on statements furnished to the taxpayer's employer for federal tax purposes.

# Washington, Seattle

Proposition 1A	Status: Passed by voters (2-20-2025)	Topic: Payroll expense tax
Effective January 1	2025 creates a new 5.0% navroll expens	se tay on annual compensation

Effective January 1, 2025, creates a new 5.0% payroll expense tax on annual compensation above \$1 million paid in Seattle to an individual employee. The tax is separate from the existing Seattle Payroll Expense tax.

# Washington, Burien

Initiative Measure 1	Status: Passed by voters (2-20-2025)	Topic: Minimum wage
Effective March 25, 2025, institutes a minimum wage matching neighboring <u>Tukwila</u> .		

# West Virginia

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HB 3103	Status: Assigned to House Finance	Topic: Exemption of retirement
	(3-4-2025) Legislature no longer in session	benefits from income tax
Effective January 1, 2025, would exempt retirement benefits from personal income tax.		

# West Virginia

SB 99	Status: Assigned to Senate Finance	Topic: Return to West Virginia
	Committee (2-12-2025) Legislature no	tax credit
	longer in session	

Would create a \$25,000 tax credit against personal income tax liability for qualified taxpayers who returned to West Virginia on or after January 1, 2025, and at one point (1) both resided and were employed in the state for a minimum of 10 years, or (2) were born in the state, and then subsequently resided out of state for 10 consecutive years.

## Wisconsin

SB 36 /AB 38	Status: Senate Substitute Amendment offered (8-18-2025)	Topic: No tax on tips
Would create an income tax exemption for cash tips received by an employee from the employer's customers.		

#### Wisconsin

SB 45 (2025-2027	Status: Became law (7-2-2025)	Topic: State income tax
budget bill)		

Effective retroactive to January 1, 2025, expands the state's second-lowest tax bracket, which taxes income at 4.4%. Previously, single filers earning between \$14,320 and \$28,640, or married couples filing jointly earning between \$19,090 and \$38,190, were taxed at this rate. For tax years beginning after December 31, 2024, this bracket extends to single filers earning up to \$50,480 and married couples filing jointly up to \$67,300. Taxpayers that are married but file separately will remain in this bracket until their earnings reach \$33,160. Income included in the newly expanded bracket will be taxed at the 4.4% rate, rather than the 5.3% rate applicable to the next higher bracket.

# This month's insights

# Missouri has a unique requirement for computing nonresident income tax withholding

It is a general rule of thumb that nonresident income tax applies only to those wages paid for services provided in the nonresident state. The provision is automatic, meaning the employee does not need to file a special form to prevent nonresident income tax withholding on wages earned in the resident state.

## The following standard exceptions apply:

- Reciprocal agreements. Where there is a reciprocal agreement between the nonresident and
  resident states, nonresident income tax withholding is not required provided the employee files a
  certificate of nonresidence.
- Convenience of the employer rule. Some states require nonresident income tax withholding
  on all wages, regardless of where the services were performed, if the employee's out-ofstate work is for the employee's own convenience rather than the necessity of the
  employer.
- De minimis exception. Twenty-eight states do not require nonresident income tax withholding for short stays and/or low annual earnings.

Missouri is another exception to the general rule of thumb. Under Missouri tax law (which contains none of the above standard exceptions), if a nonresident performs services partly within and partly without the state, only wages paid for services performed within Missouri are subject to Missouri income tax withholding, provided the employee files with the employer a Form MO W-4A, Certificate of Nonresidence or Allocation of Withholding Tax. (2023 State of Missouri Employer's Tax Guide, p. 4.)



While many states follow the same approach to nonresident income tax withholding, it is important not to make assumptions. Instead, conduct a careful review of the state rules with your employment tax advisor.

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