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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 857

TO CLARIFY THE DUTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES REGARDING
UNEMPLOYMENT INELIGIBILITY FOR FAILURE TO ACCEPT OR SEEK SUITABLE WORK; AND TO
REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 857

Amend Senate Bill No. 857 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 35 and substitute the following:

"Council on the department's efforts to enforce this section, including without limitation:

(1) The number of cases of benefit recipients accused of not accepting valid job offers;

(2) The disposition of cases reported under subdivision (j)(1) of this section; and

(3) The policies and steps the department is taking to eliminate and reduce refusals to accept valid job offers.

(k)(1) The department shall facilitate electronic reporting of a benefit recipient who refuses to take an offered job either through outright refusal, failing a drug test, or other means.

(2) The department may facilitate electronic reporting under subdivision (k)(1) of this section by an easy to understand and use website created for the purpose or created for another purpose that facilitates easy reporting by potential employers and others.

(1)(1) The department shall notify periodically an employer regarding the method for reporting a benefit recipient who fails to take a job either through outright refusal, failing a drug test, or other means.

(2) The department may notify an employer at least two times (2) per year regarding the method for reporting under subdivision (1)(1) of this section by electronic means that are economically feasible and may be a part of another communication to the employer.

(m)(1) An employer that provides a report with the belief that it is true of a failure to take a job, whether by outright refusal, failure to show up for work or interview, failing a drug test, or other means is not liable for the reporting.

(2) This section provides a complete defense for an employer in a civil proceeding arising from an employer's actions under this section."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator A. Clark

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Secretary