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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1582

5 By: Representatives McAlindon, Rose, Underwood
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
10 LAW; TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES TO
11 MATCH AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A JOB; TO REQUIRE AN
12 INDIVIDUAL TO APPLY FOR A JOB AS PART OF HIS OR HER
13 WORK SEARCH CONTACTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO TAKE CERTAIN
17 ACTIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS
18 UNDER THE DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
19 LAW.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-10-507(a)(2), concerning the
25 registration and reporting requirement for eligibility for benefits under the
26 Division of Workforce Services Law, is amended to read as follows:

27 (2) Registration and Reporting. He or she has registered for
28 work at and thereafter continued to report to a Division of Workforce
29 Services office in accordance with such rules as the director may prescribe,
30 and has created an account on the state-maintained job board and uploaded a
31 resume listing work experience, credentials or licenses held or earned, and
32 any relevant job information. The director, by rule, may waive or alter
33 either or both of the requirements of this subdivision (a)(2) as to
34 individuals attached to regular jobs and as to such other types of cases or
35 situations with respect to which he or she finds that compliance with these
36 requirements would be oppressive or would be inconsistent with the purpose of



1 this chapter. However, no such rules shall conflict with § 11-10-501;

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 11-10-507(b), concerning required work
4 search contacts under the Division of Workforce Services Law, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (b)(1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(3) of this section, the
7 division shall require at least five (5) work search contacts per week in
8 which an individual submits a claim for benefits.

9 (2)(A) The division shall match open jobs posted on the state-
10 maintained job board with an individual submitting a claim for benefits if
11 the job is available suitable work under § 11-10-515.

12 (B) An individual matched with an open job under
13 subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall apply to the suitable open job
14 posted on the state-maintained job board that he or she is matched with as
15 part of his or her work search contacts.

16 (3) If an individual fails to complete the number of work search
17 contacts required under subdivision (b)(1) of this section during a week in
18 which he or she submits a claim for benefits, the individual is not eligible
19 for benefits for that week.

20 ~~(3)(4)~~ (4) The division shall audit at least one hundred (100) of
21 all weekly work search reports for work search verification and suitable work
22 each week.

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24 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after January
25 1, 2026.