

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 367

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

WORKFORCE COMMISSION. Provides for unemployment data to be transmitted for economic research and occupational forecasting. (8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1660(H)(1)(c) and to enact R.S. 23:1531.1(F) and

3 1660(H)(1)(d) and (4), relative to employment data; to provide for the administration

4 of unemployment insurance; to provide for reporting of certain employment data; to

5 provide for electronic submission of data; to provide for forms; to provide for

6 economic research; to provide for occupational forecasts; and to provide for related

7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 23:1660(H)(1)(c) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.

10 23:1531.1(F) and 1660(H)(1)(d) and (4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §1531.1. Electronic filing of contribution, **occupational**, and wage reports; employer

12 registrations

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14 **F.(1) Each employer, who is subject to the requirements of this Section,**

15 **shall report occupational information on a form promulgated by the executive**

16 **director.**

17 **(2) The occupational information form shall be submitted, electronically,**

1 with the wage reports which are required to be submitted pursuant to
2 Subsection A of this Section.

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4 §1660. Employment records and reports; inspection by administrator; confidentiality
5 of records; prohibition against subpoena

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7 H.(1) The Louisiana Workforce Commission, the division of administration,
8 or any contractor working on behalf of either of them, may be provided employment
9 data obtained pursuant to the administration of this Chapter for any one of the
10 expressly stated following purposes:

11 (a) Compiling statistics which would support performance management and
12 evaluation by program managers of state and federal programs, especially as they
13 relate to employment outcomes.

14 (b) Compiling statistics which would assist in the preparation of common
15 performance reports across agencies.

16 (c) Compiling statistics for education, ~~and~~ **training, and** research purposes,
17 including longitudinal studies to assist in program improvement and design.

18 **(d) Preparing an occupational forecast.**

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20 **(4) The administrator shall transmit employment data, which is collected**
21 **pursuant to this Subsection, to the Board of Regents and Louisiana State**
22 **University for use in economic research and for purposes of preparing a**
23 **Louisiana occupational forecast.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Carla S. Roberts.

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Present law provides that employers accrue and must pay contributions, with respect to wages, for unemployment insurance purposes. Present law provides that each employer will keep true and accurate employee wage records containing information that the unemployment benefits' administrator may prescribe. Present law provides for deadlines and time frames for the submission of reports and contributions. Present law provides that

certain employers will report the contributions and wage reports by electronic filing.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that each employer, who is subject to the requirement of present law, will report occupational information on a form promulgated by the executive director of the La. Workforce Commission. Proposed law provides that the occupational information form will be submitted electronically with the wage reports required in present law.

Present law provides that the La. Workforce Commission, the division of administration, or any contractor working on behalf of either of them, may be provided employment data obtained pursuant to the administration of unemployment benefits compensation for any one of the expressly stated following purposes:

- (1) Compiling statistics which would support performance management and evaluation by program managers of state and federal programs, especially as they relate to employment outcomes.
- (2) Compiling statistics which would assist in the preparation of common performance reports across agencies.
- (3) Compiling statistics for education and training research purposes, including longitudinal studies to assist in program improvement and design.

Proposed law retains present law but makes a technical change to the list of purposes for which data may be disclosed from "education, training research" to "education, training, and research".

Proposed law adds preparation of an occupational forecast to the expressly stated following purposes for which the employment data may be used.

Proposed law provides that the employment data which is collected pursuant to present law will be transmitted to the Board of Regents and La. State University for use in economic research and for purposes of preparing a La. occupational forecast.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 23:1660(H)(1)(c); adds R.S. 23:1531.1(F) and 1660(H)(1)(d) and (4))