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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to unemployment compensation benefits by adding an additional condition in order to satisfy the active search requirement.

Present law provides that an unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits only if the administrator finds that he has made a claim for benefits and he has registered for work and continues to report with the administrator. Present law further provides that the individual must be able to work, available for work, and is conducting an active search for work.

Present law provides that the claimant will have satisfied the requirements of making an active search for work if he is pursuing a course of action to become reemployed by maintaining a reemployment assistance plan and an unemployment booklet.

Proposed law provides that when a claimant is scheduled for a job interview, the claimant shall produce sufficient proof of having attended the interview. Proposed law further provides that sufficient proof of attendance is evidenced by the submission of a completed interview verification form, which shall be prescribed by the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) and set forth the following:

- (1) The claimant's first and last name.
- (2) The employer's or company's name, physical address, and telephone number.
- (3) The interviewer's name and telephone number, if different from the employer's or company's.
- (4) The position for which the claimant is being interviewed.
- (5) The interviewer's signature.

Proposed law provides that LWC shall promulgate all rules as are necessary to facilitate the process of the interview verification form, including but not limited to all of the following:

- (1) The creation of the interview verification form.
- (2) The manner and method in which LWC will provide the interview verification form to employers.

- (3) The manner and method by which employers can submit the completed interview verification form to LWC.

(Adds R.S. 23:1600(3)(b)(iv))