

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2623

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RIGGS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 288, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to employment security, with a delayed effective date.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 288, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 288.056, to read as follows:

288.056. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Employment Security and Job Referrals Act of 2024".

2. As used in this section, the term "division" shall mean the same as in section 288.030.

3. The division shall, utilizing existing department resources, establish a process by which open positions submitted to the department of labor and industrial relations by employers will be directly shared by the division with unemployment compensation claimants.

4. The division shall establish a process by which, for the purpose of helping unemployment compensation claimants secure suitable work, the division shall refer unemployment compensation claimants to such open positions, including facilitating contact between employers and claimants and monitoring whether claimants are sufficiently responsive to a referral. The division shall establish by rule a method to determine what constitutes "sufficiently responsive" when a claimant is sent a referral by the division, including provisions to account for extenuating circumstances when a claimant has failed to respond in a timely manner and provisions to appeal any decision under subsection 5 of this section that would result in a loss of benefits.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **5. Failure to be sufficiently responsive to referrals made pursuant to this section**
19 **shall be deemed as a failure to participate in reemployment services as required by**
20 **subdivision (7) of subsection 1 of section 288.040.**

21 **6. Claimants shall be subject to the requirements of this section regardless of job**
22 **attachment classification.**

23 **7. The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the**
24 **administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in**
25 **section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall**
26 **become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter**
27 **536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable**
28 **and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to**
29 **review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently**
30 **held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**
31 **adopted after the effective date of this section shall be invalid and void.**

 Section B. The enactment of section 288.056 of this act shall become effective on
2 January 1, 2025.

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