

SENATE BILL NO. 876

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 288.132, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to automation adjustments paid by employers subject to unemployment compensation laws, with an effective date.

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

Section A. Section 288.132, RSMo, is repealed and two new
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections
3 288.132 and 288.133, to read as follows:

288.132. 1. There is hereby created in the state
2 treasury the "Unemployment Automation Fund", which shall
3 consist of money collected [under subsection 1 of section
4 288.131] **pursuant to section 288.133**, and such other state
5 funds appropriated by the general assembly. The state
6 treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may approve
7 disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections
8 30.170 and 30.180. Upon appropriation, money in the fund
9 shall be used solely for the purpose of providing automated
10 systems, and the payment of associated costs, to improve the
11 administration of the state's unemployment insurance
12 program. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080
13 to the contrary, all moneys remaining in the fund at the end
14 of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the
15 general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest
16 moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

17 invested. Any interest and money earned on such investments
18 shall be credited to the fund.

19 2. The unemployment automation fund shall not be used
20 in whole or in part for any purpose or in any manner that
21 would permit its substitution for, or a corresponding
22 reduction in, federal funds that would be available in its
23 absence to finance expenditures for the administration of
24 this chapter, or cause the appropriate agency of the United
25 States government to withhold any part of an administrative
26 grant which would otherwise be made.

**288.133. 1. Each employer liable for contributions
2 pursuant to this chapter, except employers with a
3 contribution rate equal to zero, shall pay an annual
4 unemployment automation adjustment in an amount equal to two
5 one-hundredths of one percent of such employer's total
6 taxable wages for the twelve-month period ending the
7 preceding June thirtieth.**

8 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1 of this section to the
9 contrary, the division may reduce the automation adjustment
10 percentage to ensure that the total amount of adjustment due
11 from all employers under this section shall not exceed five
12 million dollars annually.

13 3. Each employer liable to pay an automation
14 adjustment shall be notified of the amount due under this
15 section by March thirty-first of each year and such amount
16 shall be considered delinquent thirty days thereafter.
17 Delinquent unemployment automation adjustment amounts may be
18 collected in the manner provided under sections 288.160 and
19 288.170. All moneys collected under this section shall be
20 deposited in the unemployment automation fund established in
21 section 288.132.

22 4. For the first quarter of each calendar year, the
23 total amount of contribution otherwise due from each
24 employer liable to pay contributions under this chapter
25 shall be reduced by the dollar amount of unemployment
26 automation adjustment due from such employer pursuant to
27 subsection 1 of this section. However, the amount of
28 contributions due from such employer for the first quarter
29 of the calendar year in question shall not be reduced below
30 zero.

 Section B. Section A of this act shall become
2 effective January 1, 2023.

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