



2011 SENATE BILL 424

February 3, 2012 – Introduced by Senators HOLPERIN, TAYLOR, C. LARSON, LASSA and HANSEN, cosponsored by Representatives SINICKI, BARCA, BERCEAU, BERNARD SCHABER, E. COGGS, FIELDS, MOLEPSKE JR, PASCH, POCAN, SPANBAUER, TOLES, TURNER, BEWLEY and BERNIER. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development, Small Business, and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 108.14 (7) (a); and **to create** 108.14 (7) (d) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** requiring the Department of Workforce Development, when a
3 claimant applies for unemployment insurance benefits, to notify the local
4 workforce development board, and the job center, serving the area where the
5 claimant resides.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, local workforce development boards (local boards) are established throughout the state to provide employment and training activities in the areas served by those local boards. Similarly, state law requires the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to provide a job center network throughout the state through which job seekers may receive career planning, job placement, and job training information. This bill requires the subunit of DWD that administers the unemployment insurance program, to notify the job center, and the local board, serving the area in which an unemployment insurance benefits claimant resides when the claimant applies for those benefits.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 108.14 (7) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 108.14 (7) (a) The Except as provided in par. (d), the records made or
3 maintained by the department or commission in connection with the administration
4 of this chapter are confidential and shall be open to public inspection or disclosure
5 only to the extent that the department or commission permits in the interest of the
6 unemployment insurance program. No person may permit inspection or disclosure
7 of any record provided to it by the department or commission unless the department
8 or commission authorizes the inspection or disclosure.

9 **SECTION 2.** 108.14 (7) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

10 108.14 (7) (d) Whenever a claimant files an initial claim for benefits, the
11 subunit of the department that administers this chapter shall provide the claimant's
12 name and contact information to the job center under s. 106.14, and the local
13 workforce development board under 29 USC 2832, serving the area where the
14 claimant resides.

15 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

16 (1) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT CLAIMS. This act first applies to a claim
17 for unemployment insurance benefits filed on the effective date of this subsection.

18 **(END)**