
SENATE BILL 6422

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By Senators Schow, Heavey and Winsley; by request of Employment Security Department

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1 AN ACT Relating to support for collaborative efforts toward worker
2 reemployment; amending RCW 50.12.190; and creating new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that jobseekers would
5 be better served by integrating employment and training services to
6 form a comprehensive network of state and local programs, called a one-
7 stop career development system. Successful integration of employment
8 and training services demands prompt and efficient exchange of
9 information among service providers. Current restrictions on
10 information exchange hamper this coordination, resulting in increased
11 administrative costs, reduced levels of service, and fewer positive
12 outcomes than could otherwise be achieved.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 50.12.190 and 1945 c 35 s 58 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 (1) The commissioner shall take all appropriate steps to reduce and
16 prevent unemployment; to encourage and assist in the adoption of
17 practical methods of vocational training, retraining and vocational
18 guidance; to investigate, recommend, advise, and assist in the

1 establishment and operation by municipalities, counties, school
2 districts, and the state, of reserves for public works to be used in
3 times of business depression and unemployment; to promote the
4 reemployment of unemployed workers throughout the state in every other
5 way that may be feasible; and to these ends to carry and publish the
6 results of investigations and research studies.

7 (2)(a) To promote the reemployment of jobseekers, the commissioner
8 may enter into data-sharing contracts with partners of the one-stop
9 career development system. The contracts shall provide for the
10 exchange of data only to the extent that such exchange is necessary for
11 the efficient provision of employment and training services to eligible
12 individuals and the evaluation of outcomes. The exchange of
13 information under contracts with one-stop partners is exempt from the
14 requirements of RCW 50.13.060 (1) (a), (b), and (c), (5), and (6).

15 (b) Information provided to a partner by the department conditioned
16 upon privacy and confidentiality will be held private and confidential
17 according to the contract between the department and the partner.

18 (c) Persons requesting disclosure of information held by a partner
19 under (a) of this subsection shall request the disclosure from the
20 department rather than from the partner.

21 (d) This section supersedes any provisions of chapter 42.17 RCW to
22 the contrary.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If any part of this act is found to be in
24 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to
25 the allocation of federal funds to the state or the eligibility of
26 employers in this state for federal unemployment tax credits, the
27 conflicting part of this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the
28 conflict, and the finding or determination does not affect the
29 operation of the remainder of this act. Rules adopted under this act
30 must meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the
31 receipt of federal funds by the state or the granting of federal
32 unemployment tax credits to employers in this state.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If any provision of this act or its
34 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

1 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
2 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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