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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, OCTOBER 4, 2004

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937
2 P.L.2897, No.1), entitled "An act establishing a system of
3 unemployment compensation to be administered by the
4 Department of Labor and Industry and its existing and newly
5 created agencies with personnel (with certain exceptions)
6 selected on a civil service basis; requiring employers to
7 keep records and make reports, and certain employers to pay
8 contributions based on payrolls to provide moneys for the
9 payment of compensation to certain unemployed persons;
10 providing procedure and administrative details for the
11 determination, payment and collection of such contributions
12 and the payment of such compensation; providing for
13 cooperation with the Federal Government and its agencies;
14 creating certain special funds in the custody of the State
15 Treasurer; and prescribing penalties," providing for a study
16 to make recommendations for redesigning the contribution rate
17 notice form and related documents.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 Section 1. Section 204.1 of the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd
21 Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment
22 Compensation Law, is amended by adding a subsection to read:

23 Section 204.1. State Unemployment Compensation Advisory
24 Council.--* * *

25 (1) (1) (i) The Advisory Council shall conduct a study and

1 make recommendations to the department regarding redesigning the
2 contribution rate notice form and other related documents
3 provided to employers.

4 (ii) The Advisory Council shall solicit input from State and
5 local business leaders representing a variety of industries,
6 including those employing fewer than ten employees.

7 (iii) The Advisory Council shall also review notice and form
8 formats utilized in other states.

9 (2) (i) No later than January 1, 2005, the Advisory Council
10 shall make recommendations to the department regarding
11 improvements that should be made to the design of the
12 contribution rate notice and other related documents.

13 (ii) A copy of the recommendations shall be submitted to the
14 President pro tempore of the Senate and to the Speaker of the
15 House of Representatives.

16 (3) Within six months of receipt of the Advisory Council's
17 recommendations regarding the design of the contribution rate
18 notice form and other related documents, the department shall
19 implement revised forms based on the recommendations of the
20 Advisory Council.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.