## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 808

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 31, 2005

## AN ACT

- 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 Department of Labor and Industry and its existing and newly 4 created agencies with personnel (with certain exceptions) 5 selected on a civil service basis; requiring employers to 7 keep records and make reports, and certain employers to pay contributions based on payrolls to provide moneys for the 8 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. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 18 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
- Compensation Law, is amended by adding a subsection to read: 22
- 23 Section 204.1. State Unemployment Compensation Advisory
- 24 Council. -- \* \* \*

- 1 (1) (1) (i) The council shall conduct a study and make
- 2 recommendations to the department regarding redesigning the
- 3 contribution rate notice form and other related documents
- 4 provided to employers.
- 5 (ii) The council shall solicit input from State and local
- 6 business leaders representing a variety of industries, including
- 7 those employing fewer than ten employes.
- 8 (iii) The council shall also review notice and form formats

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- 9 <u>utilized in other states.</u>
- 10 (2) (i) No later than January 1, 2005 2007, the council
- 11 shall make recommendations to the department regarding
- 12 improvements that should be made to the design of the
- 13 contribution rate notice and other related documents.
- 14 (ii) A copy of the recommendations shall be submitted to the
- 15 President pro tempore of the Senate and to the Speaker of the
- 16 <u>House of Representatives.</u>
- 17 (3) Within six months of receipt of the council's
- 18 recommendations regarding the design of the contribution rate
- 19 notice form and other related documents, the department shall
- 20 <u>implement revised forms based on the recommendations of the</u>
- 21 council.
- 22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.