

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MARCH 26, 2013

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," in administration of
 16 act, providing for incarcerated offenders.

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

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

22 Section 207.1. Incarcerated Offenders.--The department shall
 23 implement, in conjunction with the Department of Corrections and
 24 county correctional facilities, a system whereby State and

1 county corrections officials are able to conduct cross reference
2 checks of incarcerated offenders by Social Security number to
3 determine whether an offender is eligible for or receiving
4 benefits. The department may not pay benefits for any weeks of
5 unemployment during which an offender is incarcerated following
6 conviction. At a minimum, cross reference checks shall be
7 conducted biannually. The department shall prepare and submit
8 annually to the chairman and minority chairman of the Labor and
9 Industry Committee of the Senate and the chairman and minority
10 chairman of the Labor and Industry Committee of the House of
11 Representatives and post on its Internet website a report that
12 includes the following information:

13 (1) Whether any benefits were paid to incarcerated
14 offenders during the preceding year.

15 (2) The number of incarcerated offenders who received
16 benefits during the preceding year.

17 (3) Actions taken to ensure that incarcerated offenders
18 do not receive benefits.

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