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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 42, *approved May 8, 2023*
Senate, No. 2396 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning ¹**the**¹ unemployment compensation and
2 supplementing chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The commissioner shall, not later than ¹**November 30 of**
8 **2022** ²**November 30, 2023¹** **December 31, 2023²** and each
9 subsequent year, issue, provide to the Legislature, and make
10 available to the public in a prominent location on the department's
11 website, a report regarding the department's performance in
12 providing timely and accurate processing of, and adjudicating
13 appeals concerning, unemployment compensation benefit claims.
14 The report shall include:

15 a. ¹**Data** regarding the State's performance levels during the
16 last four completed calendar quarters on all of the U.S. Department
17 of Labor's core measures regarding the timeliness and quality of
18 first payments of benefits, benefit determinations, and lower and
19 higher authority appeals;

20 b. Data regarding whether, for each core measure, the State has
21 attained acceptable levels of performance under the U.S.
22 Department of Labor standards, and how the State's level of
23 performance compares to the national average;

24 c. ¹**]** (1) The number of personnel in the department employed in
25 the administration of the unemployment insurance system and the
26 budgeted cost of salaries and benefits for those personnel:

27 (2) The number of personnel who are processing unemployment
28 benefit claims, the number engaged in other functions of the
29 system, and the budgeted cost of salaries and benefits for those
30 personnel;

31 (3) What percentage of total division administrative costs is
32 comprised of those categories of personnel costs;

33 ¹**d.] b.**¹ Information regarding the appropriations for the
34 system during the fiscal year in which the report is made and the
35 preceding fiscal year, including:

36 (1) For both fiscal years, the amount appropriated in federal
37 funds, the budget authority, the budget reserve, the amount
38 expended, and the amount of each year's appropriation not
39 expended;

40 (2) The anticipated expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal
41 year in which the report is made; and

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ALA committee amendments adopted October 17, 2022.

²Senate floor amendments adopted December 19, 2022.

1 (3) The total unexpended moneys remaining from any previous
2 appropriation;

3 ¹**[e.]** and

4 c.¹ If an acceptable level of performance was not attained
5 during the year, the level of performance was substantially below
6 the national average, or it is determined that there are other
7 significant problems in the administration of the system, the report
8 shall provide an evaluation of the causes of the deficiencies and a
9 plan to correct them. That plan shall include:

10 (1) Any increase in personnel needed to process claims and
11 appeals of claims and make benefit payments expeditiously and
12 accurately;

13 (2) Any measures needed to enforce notification and reporting
14 requirements;

15 (3) Any measures needed to inform employers and employees of
16 their responsibilities to facilitate the timely provision of benefits;

17 (4) Any improvements needed in data processing, telephone and
18 other communications technology, staff training, and other
19 administrative services and equipment;

20 (5) Any measures needed to improve service to claimants and
21 beneficiaries, including implementing easy-to-use, user-friendly
22 application processes, facilitating rapid response times to inquiries
23 and applications, and providing easy access to personal assistance
24 as needed; and

25 (6) Any other measures appropriate for a full modernization of
26 the administration of all aspects of the unemployment insurance
27 system.

28 The plan shall include all of the provisions of any applicable
29 corrective action plan which is included in an Unemployment
30 Insurance State Quality Service Plan approved by the U.S.
31 Department of Labor. The plan shall, as needed, also provide for
32 measures, in addition to those provided in those corrective action
33 plans, to attain more rapid improvements in performance and
34 provide for greater commitments of resources to attain its goals than
35 the federal plan, including expenditures of funds held in reserve and
36 other unexpended funds, and funding from non-federal sources,
37 including the Unemployment Compensation Auxiliary Fund. The
38 commissioner shall include any proposals of the report for greater
39 commitments of resources in the commissioner's budget requests
40 for the fiscal year following the issuing of the report.

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42 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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47 Provides for oversight and improvement of administration of
48 unemployment compensation.

SENATE, No. 2396

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 24, 2022

Sponsored by:

Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR.

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Senator ANDREW ZWICKER

District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Singleton, A.M.Bucco, Turner, Testa, Gill, Greenstein and Sacco

SYNOPSIS

Provides for oversight and improvement of administration of unemployment compensation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/16/2022)

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2 supplementing chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The commissioner shall, not later than November 30 of 2022
8 and each subsequent year, issue, provide to the Legislature, and
9 make available to the public in a prominent location on the
10 department's website, a report regarding the department's
11 performance in providing timely and accurate processing of, and
12 adjudicating appeals concerning, unemployment compensation
13 benefit claims. The report shall include:

14 a. Data regarding the State's performance levels during the last
15 four completed calendar quarters on all of the U.S. Department of
16 Labor's core measures regarding the timeliness and quality of first
17 payments of benefits, benefit determinations, and lower and higher
18 authority appeals;

19 b. Data regarding whether, for each core measure, the State has
20 attained acceptable levels of performance under the U.S.
21 Department of Labor standards, and how the State's level of
22 performance compares to the national average;

23 c. (1) The number of personnel in the department employed in
24 the administration of the unemployment insurance system and the
25 budgeted cost of salaries and benefits for those personnel:

26 (2) The number of personnel who are processing unemployment
27 benefit claims, the number engaged in other functions of the
28 system, and the budgeted cost of salaries and benefits for those
29 personnel;

30 (3) What percentage of total division administrative costs is
31 comprised of those categories of personnel costs;

32 d. Information regarding the appropriations for the system
33 during the fiscal year in which the report is made and the preceding
34 fiscal year, including:

35 (1) For both fiscal years, the amount appropriated in federal
36 funds, the budget authority, the budget reserve, the amount
37 expended, and the amount of each year's appropriation not
38 expended;

39 (2) The anticipated expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal
40 year in which the report is made; and

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42 appropriation;

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44 during the year, the level of performance was substantially below
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- 6 (3) Any measures needed to inform employers and employees of
7 their responsibilities to facilitate the timely provision of benefits;
- 8 (4) Any improvements needed in data processing, telephone and
9 other communications technology, staff training, and other
10 administrative services and equipment;
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12 beneficiaries, including implementing easy-to-use, user-friendly
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14 and applications, and providing easy access to personal assistance
15 as needed; and
- 16 (6) Any other measures appropriate for a full modernization of
17 the administration of all aspects of the unemployment insurance
18 system.

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20 corrective action plan which is included in an Unemployment
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STATEMENT

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38 This bill directs the Commissioner of the Department of Labor
39 and Workforce Development to issue annual reports regarding
40 department performance in providing timely and accurate
41 processing of, and adjudicating appeals concerning, unemployment
42 compensation benefit claims. The bill requires the report to
43 include:

- 44 1. Data regarding the State's performance levels during the last
45 four completed calendar quarters on all of the core measures of the
46 U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) regarding the timeliness and
47 quality of first payments of benefits, benefit determinations, and
48 lower and higher authority appeals;

1 2. Data regarding whether, for each core measure, the State has
2 attained acceptable levels of performance under USDOL standards,
3 and how the State's performance compares to the national average;

4 3. Information about the number and cost of personnel
5 employed in the administration of the unemployment insurance
6 system;

7 4. Information regarding appropriations for the system during
8 the fiscal year in which the report is made and the preceding fiscal
9 year, and any unexpended moneys available for the system;

10 5. If an acceptable level of performance was not attained,
11 performance was substantially below the national average, or there
12 are other significant problems in the administration of the system,
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15 That plan shall include:

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19 requirements;

20 3. Measures needed to inform employers and employees of
21 their responsibilities to facilitate the timely provision of benefits;

22 4. Improvements needed in data processing, telephone and
23 other communications technology, staff training, and other
24 administrative services and equipment;

25 5. Measures needed to improve service to claimants, including
26 implementing user-friendly application processes, facilitating rapid
27 response times to inquiries and applications, and providing easy
28 access to personal assistance as needed; and

29 6. Any other measures appropriate for a full modernization of
30 the administration of all aspects of the system.

31 The plan shall include the provisions of any applicable corrective
32 action plan which is included in an Unemployment Insurance State
33 Quality Service Plan (SQSP) approved by the USDOL, but may
34 also provide for measures not included in an SQSP to attain more
35 rapid improvements in performance the SQSP and provide for
36 greater commitments of resources to attain its goals, including
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38 and funding from non-federal sources, including the Unemployment
39 Compensation Auxiliary Fund. The commissioner is directed to
40 include any proposals of the report for greater commitments of
41 resources in the commissioner's budget requests for the fiscal year
42 following the issuing of the report.

ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2396

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 17, 2022

The Assembly Labor Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2396.

As amended, this bill directs the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to issue annual reports regarding department performance in providing timely and accurate processing of, and adjudicating appeals concerning, unemployment compensation benefit claims. The bill requires the report to include:

1. Information about the number and cost of personnel employed in the administration of the unemployment insurance system;
2. Information regarding appropriations for the system during the fiscal year in which the report is made and the preceding fiscal year, and any unexpended moneys available for the system;
3. If an acceptable level of performance was not attained, performance was substantially below the national average, or there are other significant problems in the administration of the system, the report shall provide an evaluation of the causes of the deficiencies and a plan to correct them.

That plan shall include:

1. Any staffing increase needed to process claims, appeals, and benefit payments expeditiously and accurately;
2. Measures needed to enforce notification and reporting requirements;
3. Measures needed to inform employers and employees of their responsibilities to facilitate the timely provision of benefits;
4. Improvements needed in data processing, telephone and other communications technology, staff training, and other administrative services and equipment;
5. Measures needed to improve service to claimants, including implementing user-friendly application processes, facilitating rapid response times to inquiries and applications, and providing easy access to personal assistance as needed; and
6. Any other measures appropriate for a full modernization of the administration of all aspects of the system.

The plan shall include the provisions of any applicable corrective action plan which is included in an Unemployment Insurance State Quality Service Plan (SQSP) approved by the USDOL, but may also

provide for measures not included in an SQSP to attain more rapid improvements in performance the SQSP and provide for greater commitments of resources to attain its goals, including expenditures of funds held in reserve or other unexpended funds, and funding from non-federal sources, including the Unemployment Compensation Auxiliary Fund. The commissioner is directed to include any proposals of the report for greater commitments of resources in the commissioner's budget requests for the fiscal year following the issuing of the report.

The amendments make this bill identical Assembly Bill No. 3810 (1R) of the 2022-2023 Legislative Session.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) remove the requirement to report:

(a) data regarding the State's performance levels during the last four completed calendar quarters on all of the core measures of the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) regarding the timeliness and quality of first payments of benefits, benefit determinations, and lower and higher authority appeals; and

(b) data regarding whether, for each core measure, the State has attained acceptable levels of performance under USDOL standards, and how the State's performance compares to the national average; and

(2) delay the requirement to begin reporting from November 30, 2022 to November 30, 2023.

The amendments make this bill identical Assembly Bill No. 3810 (1R) of the 2022-2023 Legislative Session.

SENATE LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2396

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 9, 2022

The Senate Labor Committee reports favorably Senate Bill, No. 2396.

This bill directs the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to issue annual reports regarding department performance in providing timely and accurate processing of, and adjudicating appeals concerning, unemployment compensation benefit claims. The bill requires the report to include:

1. Data regarding the State's performance levels during the last four completed calendar quarters on all of the core measures of the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) regarding the timeliness and quality of first payments of benefits, benefit determinations, and lower and higher authority appeals;

2. Data regarding whether, for each core measure, the State has attained acceptable levels of performance under USDOL standards, and how the State's performance compares to the national average;

3. Information about the number and cost of personnel employed in the administration of the unemployment insurance system;

4. Information regarding appropriations for the system during the fiscal year in which the report is made and the preceding fiscal year, and any unexpended moneys available for the system;

5. If an acceptable level of performance was not attained, performance was substantially below the national average, or there are other significant problems in the administration of the system, the report shall provide an evaluation of the causes of the deficiencies and a plan to correct them.

That plan shall include:

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STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 2396

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator MADDEN)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 19, 2022

These floor amendments delay, from November 30, 2023 to December 31, 2023, the requirement in the bill for the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to begin reporting on unemployment compensation claim performance.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3810

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 2, 2022

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman WILLIAM F. MOEN, JR.

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblywoman GABRIELA M. MOSQUERA

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblyman JOE DANIELSEN

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

Co-Sponsored by:

**Assemblyman Caputo, Assemblywomen Eulner, Piperno, McKnight and
Assemblyman Sauickie**

SYNOPSIS

Provides for oversight and improvement of administration of unemployment compensation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/17/2022)

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21 Department of Labor standards, and how the State's level of
22 performance compares to the national average;

23 c. (1) The number of personnel in the department employed in
24 the administration of the unemployment insurance system and the
25 budgeted cost of salaries and benefits for those personnel:

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27 benefit claims, the number engaged in other functions of the
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29 personnel;

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31 comprised of those categories of personnel costs;

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42 appropriation;

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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1 2. Data regarding whether, for each core measure, the State has
2 attained acceptable levels of performance under USDOL standards,
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9 year, and any unexpended moneys available for the system;

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ASSEMBLY OVERSIGHT, REFORM AND FEDERAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3810

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 2, 2022

The Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3810.

This bill directs the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to issue annual reports regarding department performance in providing timely and accurate processing of, and adjudicating appeals concerning, unemployment compensation benefit claims. The bill requires the report to include:

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ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3810

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 17, 2022

The Assembly Labor Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3810.

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(b) data regarding whether, for each core measure, the State has attained acceptable levels of performance under USDOL standards, and how the State's performance compares to the national average; and

(2) delay the requirement to begin reporting from November 30, 2022 to November 30, 2023.

The amendments make this bill identical Senate Bill No. 2396 (1R) of the 2022-2023 Legislative Session.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

05/8/2023

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

- S-142/A-4341 (Diegnan, Pou/Freiman, Moriarty, Mosquera)** - Modernizes business filing statutes to include entity conversion and domestication
- S-435/A-392 (Smith, Greenstein/Danielsen)** - Authorizes certain local authorities to distribute live recordings of certain public hearings in lieu of transcript requirement
- S-660/A-2438 (Oroho, Gopal/Wirths, DeAngelo, Space)** - Establishes that "100 percent Disabled Veterans" are not required to submit to MVC certain documentation to renew park privileges
- S-1033/A-2682 (Vitale, Ruiz/Mukherji, Benson, McKnight)** - Establishes "Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Long-Term Advisory Commission" in DHS
- S-2396/A-3810 (Madden, Zwicker/Moen, Mosquera, Danielsen)** - Provides for oversight and improvement of administration of unemployment compensation
- S-2423/A-3746 (Pou/McKeon, Calabrese)** - Allows local government deferred compensation plans to invest in collective investment trusts
- A-179/S-752 (Carter, Moen, Sumter/Lagana, Greenstein)** - Requires DEP to make certain information regarding water purveyors available on its Internet website
- A-1463/S-1810 (Lopez, Speight, McKnight/Ruiz, Singleton)** - Clarifies penalties for certain violations of pretrial release; directs prosecutor to provide written notice of release to v
- A-1791/S-3306 (DeAngelo, Verrelli, McKnight/Turner, Greenstein)** - Establishes "Career and Technical Education Scholar Awards" to annually recognize outstanding career and technical education students
- A-3494/S-2381 (Dancer, Moriarty, Haider/Diegnan)** - Allows license plate frame to obscure certain parts of permanent or temporary license plate under certain conditions
- A-3946/S-340 (Quijano, Calabrese, Carter/Singleton, Turner)** - Decouples State tax provisions from federal prohibition on cannabis business deductions
- A-4132/S-3426 (Stanley, Jaffer, Atkins/Cruz-Perez, Turner)** - Establishes NJ Agricultural Literacy Week
- A-4184/S-2827 (Tully/Greenstein, Turner)** - Requires DCA to allow hiring of information technology and cybersecurity professionals pursuant to shared service incentive programs
- ACS for A-4756/S-3262 (Spearman, Wimberly, Reynolds-Jackson/Burgess, Ruiz)** - Requires Division of Children's System of Care to establish training program for employees of emergency shelters for homeless
- A-4836/S-3417 (Speight, Atkins, Wimberly/Greenstein, Stanfield)** - Requires Office of Emergency Management to incorporate into State Emergency Operations Plan framework to address cybersecurity incidents
- A-4935/S-3335 (Benson, Spearman, Haider/Johnson, Diegnan)** - Concerns electronic transmission of crash reports
- Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bill:
- S-3110/A-4783 (Smith, Codey/McKeon, Kennedy, Chaparro) - CONDITIONAL** - Requires sellers of real property and landlords to make certain notifications regarding flooding