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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5444

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5444 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Unemployment Insurance Act is amended by
5 adding Section 1900.2 as follows:

6 (820 ILCS 405/1900.2 new)

7 Sec. 1900.2. Economic Data Task Force.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that substantial public
9 benefit is derived from enhanced access to State data and
10 particularly to data generated by the Department and that this
11 benefit takes the form both of private sector economic
12 development and of opportunities to improve public policy. The
13 General Assembly further finds that protecting the
14 confidentiality of individuals and companies in Illinois is
15 imperative for reasons both ethical and legal. Consequently,
16 the General Assembly seeks to understand the potential uses and

1 users of such data, as well as its applications for economic
2 development and other public purposes, and, in the context of
3 those uses, the best ways to make as much data as possible
4 available to those constituencies to serve those purposes while
5 protecting confidentiality and minimizing cost to the State.

6 (b) The Economic Data Task Force is created within the
7 Department. The Task Force shall consist of 11 members. The
8 following members shall be appointed within 60 days after the
9 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General
10 Assembly: one member appointed by the President of the Senate;
11 one member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; one member
12 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one
13 member appointed by the House Minority Leader; one member
14 appointed by the Governor; and the Director, who shall serve as
15 ex officio chairman and who shall appoint 5 additional members:
16 one of whom shall be a representative citizen chosen from the
17 employee class, one of whom shall be a representative citizen
18 chosen from the employing class, one of whom shall be an
19 employee of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics
20 (hereinafter referred to as "BLS") (or, if no BLS employee is
21 available, a government employee from outside of Illinois with
22 appropriate expertise), and 2 of whom shall be academic
23 researchers with appropriate expertise. All members shall be
24 voting members. Members shall serve without compensation, but
25 may be reimbursed for expenses associated with the Task Force.
26 The Task Force shall begin to conduct business upon the

1 appointment of all members. For purposes of Task Force
2 meetings, a quorum is 6 members. If a vacancy occurs on the
3 Task Force, a successor member shall be appointed by the
4 original appointing authority. Meetings of the Task Force are
5 subject to the Open Meetings Act.

6 (c) The Task Force shall analyze the potential benefits and
7 the feasibility of expanding public access to data produced and
8 maintained by the Department including, but not limited to,
9 data collected, estimated, and maintained under cooperative
10 agreement with the United States Department of Labor or other
11 federal agencies. The analysis shall include an analysis of
12 potential uses of these data and the public benefit of those
13 uses, and a review of current federal and State practices for
14 providing public access to the data, as well as potential
15 alternate processes by which the public could access data in
16 the Department's possession. The Task Force shall hold at least
17 3 public hearings as part of its analysis. The Task Force may
18 establish any committees it deems necessary.

19 (d) All findings, recommendations, public postings, and
20 other relevant information pertaining to the Task Force shall
21 be posted on the Department's website, subject to the
22 confidentiality requirements established under federal and
23 State law including, but not limited to, the federal
24 Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency
25 Act of 2002 and Section 1900. The Department shall provide
26 staff and administrative support to the Task Force. The Task

1 Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
2 Governor and the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2013,
3 and shall be dissolved upon submission of the report. All
4 recommendations shall be consistent with confidentiality
5 requirements established under federal law including, but not
6 limited to, disclosure proofing standards.

7 (e) Each member of the Task Force and each Department
8 employee must be designated as an agent of BLS pursuant to the
9 federal Confidential Information Protection and Statistical
10 Efficiency Act of 2002 subject to the civil and criminal
11 sanctions for unauthorized disclosure of information protected
12 by that Act as a condition of being able to participate in any
13 activities of the Task Force and shall also be subject to the
14 civil and criminal sanctions established under subsection C of
15 Section 1900 for unauthorized disclosure of information
16 protected by Section 1900. For purposes of this Section,
17 information protected by Section 1900 includes, but is not
18 limited to, the statistical formulation of disclosure-proofing
19 methods."