

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

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
17 users of such data, as well as its applications for economic
18 development and other public purposes, and, in the context of
19 those uses, the best ways to make as much data as possible
20 available to those constituencies to serve those purposes while
21 protecting confidentiality and minimizing cost to the State.

22 (b) The Economic Data Task Force is created within the
23 Department. The Task Force shall consist of 11 members. The

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

25 (c) The Task Force shall analyze the potential benefits and
26 the feasibility of expanding public access to data produced and

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

12 (d) All findings, recommendations, public postings, and
13 other relevant information pertaining to the Task Force shall
14 be posted on the Department's website, subject to the
15 confidentiality requirements established under federal and
16 State law including, but not limited to, the federal
17 Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency
18 Act of 2002 and Section 1900. The Department shall provide
19 staff and administrative support to the Task Force. The Task
20 Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
21 Governor and the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2013,
22 and shall be dissolved upon submission of the report. All
23 recommendations shall be consistent with confidentiality
24 requirements established under federal law including, but not
25 limited to, disclosure proofing standards.

26 (e) Each member of the Task Force and each Department

1 employee must be designated as an agent of BLS pursuant to the
2 federal Confidential Information Protection and Statistical
3 Efficiency Act of 2002 subject to the civil and criminal
4 sanctions for unauthorized disclosure of information protected
5 by that Act as a condition of being able to participate in any
6 activities of the Task Force and shall also be subject to the
7 civil and criminal sanctions established under subsection C of
8 Section 1900 for unauthorized disclosure of information
9 protected by Section 1900. For purposes of this Section,
10 information protected by Section 1900 includes, but is not
11 limited to, the statistical formulation of disclosure-proofing
12 methods.