

## Issues for Discussion of the Unemployment Working Group

### Pursuant to Public Law 2021 Chapter 456



- A. Methods of connecting employers and unemployed workers following the pandemic related to coronavirus disease 2019;
- B. Processes and methods to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the worksharing plan established under Title 26, section 1198;
- C. A determination regarding whether the provisions of Title 26, section 1044 are working effectively to achieve the protection of rights and benefits goals;
- D. Methods to streamline and facilitate application for unemployment insurance benefits that will increase access for unemployed workers, simplify reporting requirements for employers and determine any clarifications or modifications that may be needed related to the submission of partial unemployment claim forms in accordance with Title 26, section 1194, subsection 1-A;
- E. How an employer liaison contract might be designed to provide assistance to the business community in interacting with the unemployment insurance program, focused on the goal of reducing administrative burden and improving user experience, including recommendations of a funding source to support such a contract;
- F. Whether unemployed individuals have completed reemployment services and eligibility assessment with the Department of Labor within the prior 5 years and whether these individuals should be considered to have good cause for not participating in reemployment services and eligibility assessment under Title 26, section 1192, subsections 2 and 13; and
- G. Any software or technology issues contributing to delays, claims processing issues and paperwork burden to businesses that may be resolved through technological means or any ways to promote improved claimant or employer user experience and interface with the unemployment insurance system.

**Suggested items to discuss during October meeting (October 20<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm):**

- A. How to connect employers with the unemployed post-pandemic.
- B. What changes are being made or could be made to the work share program.
- C. Review effectiveness of Title 26 Sec. 1044.
- F. Changes to the RESEA program to increase participation.

**Suggested items to discuss during November meeting (November 17<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm):**

- D. Streamline and facilitate application for UI benefits that will increase access for unemployed workers.
- E. Creation of an employer liaison program and how that may be utilized.
- G. Review UI technology system to identify potential enhancements to improve access and streamline processes for claimants and businesses.