



State of Wisconsin
2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



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FOR 2013-2015 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: registration for work by and work search requirements for unemployment insurance claimants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EMPLOYMENT

Currently, with limited exceptions, in order to become and remain eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits for any week, a claimant is required, among other things, to register for work and to conduct a reasonable search for suitable work within that week, which must include at least two actions that constitute a reasonable search as prescribed by rule by DWD. This bill requires each claimant to register for work in the manner directed by DWD and increases the minimum number of actions that a claimant must undertake to become and remain eligible for benefits to at least four actions per week.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 108.04 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

108.04 (2) (a) 2. As of that week, the individual has registered for work as directed by the department; and

SECTION 2. 108.04 (2) (a) 3. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

108.04 (2) (a) 3. (intro.) The individual conducts a reasonable search for suitable work during that week, unless the search requirement is waived under par. (b). The search for suitable work must include ~~2~~ at least 4 actions per week that constitute a reasonable search as prescribed by rule of the department. This subdivision does not apply to an individual if the department determines that the individual is currently laid off from employment with an employer but there is a reasonable expectation of reemployment of the individual by that employer. In determining whether the individual has a reasonable expectation of reemployment by an employer, the department shall request the employer to verify the individual's employment status and shall also consider other factors, including:

SECTION 9351. Initial applicability; Workforce Development.

(1) REGISTRATION FOR WORK AND WORK SEARCH REQUIREMENTS. The treatment of section 108.04 (2) (a) 2. and 3. (intro.) of the statutes first applies with respect to weeks of unemployment beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

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