

HB 2340 -- Employers and Unemployment Benefits

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This bill requires certain employers who submit federal 1099 miscellaneous forms to the Department of Revenue to also submit the forms to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations within the established time lines.

A claimant for unemployment compensation will be ineligible to receive benefits or waiting week credit if he or she has an outstanding penalty that was assessed for a previous overpayment of benefits.

Currently, a claimant for unemployment benefits who is able to work but receiving benefits because the claimant is enrolled in a retraining program must submit with each claim a written certification verifying that the claimant is enrolled in and satisfactorily pursuing the retraining course. The bill requires the written certification to be submitted within 10 days of the end of each quarter. A claimant failing to submit written certification will be ineligible to receive benefits during any week claimed in that quarter or receive any further benefits until the written certification has been received by the Division of Employment Security within the department.

The requirement that employers with 250 or more employees must file their quarterly wage report to the division electronically by magnetic media or the Internet is changed to require employers with 50 or more employees to file in that manner.

The division is authorized additional options to collect unpaid contributions, interest, or penalties imposed upon an employer under the Unemployment Compensation Law including serving the employer a notice of assessment for these amounts by certified or registered mail at the last known address and filing a certificate of lien with the recorder of deeds in the county in which the employer owns property or has a place of business.