

Senate

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Senate Bill No. 1455

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The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN BUSINESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 31-225a of the general statutes is
 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
 2025):

(j) (1) [(A)] Each employer subject to this chapter shall submit quarterly, on forms supplied by the administrator, a listing of wage information, including the name of each employee receiving wages in employment subject to this chapter, such employee's Social Security account number and the amount of wages paid to such employee during such calendar quarter.

10 [(B) Commencing with the third calendar quarter of 2026, any 11 employer subject to this chapter may include in the quarterly filing 12 submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the 13 following data for each employee receiving wages in employment subject to this chapter: (i) Such employee's occupation, (ii) such
employee's hours worked, and (iii) the zip code of such employee's
primary worksite.]

17 (2) Each employer subject to this chapter that reports wages for 18 employees receiving wages in employment subject to this chapter, and 19 each person or organization that, as an agent, reports wages for 20 employees receiving wages in employment subject to this chapter on 21 behalf of one or more employers subject to this chapter shall submit 22 quarterly the information required by subdivision (1) of this subsection 23 electronically, in a format and manner prescribed by the administrator, 24 unless such employer or agent receives a waiver pursuant to 25 subdivision (5) of this subsection.

26 (3) Any employer that fails to submit the information required by 27 [subparagraph (A) of] subdivision (1) of this subsection in a timely 28 manner, as determined by the administrator, shall be liable to the 29 administrator for a late filing fee of twenty-five dollars. Any employer 30 that fails to submit the information required by [subparagraph (A) of] 31 subdivision (1) of this subsection under a proper state unemployment 32 compensation registration number shall be liable to the administrator 33 for a fee of twenty-five dollars. All fees collected by the administrator 34 under this subdivision shall be deposited in the Employment Security 35 Administration Fund.

36 (4) Each employer subject to this chapter that makes contributions or 37 payments in lieu of contributions for employees receiving wages in 38 employment subject to this chapter, and each person or organization 39 that, as an agent, makes contributions or payments in lieu of 40 contributions for employees receiving wages in employment subject to 41 this chapter on behalf of one or more employers subject to this chapter 42 shall make such contributions or payments in lieu of contributions 43 electronically.

(5) Any employer or any person or organization that, as an agent, is
required to submit information pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
subsection or make contributions or payments in lieu of contributions

47 pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection may request in writing, 48 not later than thirty days prior to the date a submission of information 49 or a contribution or payment in lieu of contribution is due, that the 50 administrator waive such requirement. The administrator shall grant 51 such request if, on the basis of information provided by such employer 52 or person or organization and on a form prescribed by the 53 administrator, the administrator finds that there would be undue 54 hardship for such employer or person or organization. The 55 administrator shall promptly inform such employer or person or 56 organization of the granting or rejection of the requested waiver. The 57 decision of the administrator shall be final and not subject to further 58 review or appeal. Such waiver shall be effective for twelve months from 59 the date such waiver is granted.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2025	31-225a(j)

CE Joint Favorable

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
GF - Savings	354,143	642,417
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Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which eliminates certain expanded employer data reporting requirements, results in savings to (1) the Department of Labor (DOL) of \$354,143 in FY 26 and \$642,417 in FY 27 and (2) the State Comptroller-Fringe Benefits account of \$68,877 in FY 26 and \$108,999 in FY 27.

The positions DOL would not need to hire as a result of the bill are a Research Analyst in FY 26 (\$93,863 in salary, \$7,047 in overhead/equipment, and \$38,211 in fringe benefits), and another similar position in FY 27 (\$192,418 in salaries, \$12,872 in overhead/equipment, and \$78,334 in fringe benefits). These positions would be in addition to the related Research Analyst position that was funded in the FY 23 Revised Budget, but which would no longer be needed. The savings associated with this already-funded position are \$110,444 in each FY 26 and FY 27 (\$75,327 in salary, \$4,452 in

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.71% of payroll in FY 26.

overhead/equipment, and \$30,666 in fringe benefits for each fiscal year).

Additionally, the bill precludes the need for \$173,454 in FY 26 and \$357,348 in FY 27 to make technology changes in order to receive the additional data.

The Out Years

The savings related to the permanent positions would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis SB 1455

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SUMMARY

By law, employers subject to the state's unemployment compensation laws must submit quarterly wage reports to the Department of Labor that include certain information about their paid employees. This bill eliminates from the reporting requirement a provision that would allow employers, beginning with the third quarter of 2026, to also include data on each employee's occupation, hours worked, and primary worksite's zip code.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/13/2025)