

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 377

BY SENATOR MARTINY

UNEMPLOYMENT COMP. Provides relative to reciprocal agreements with federal and state agencies. (8/1/14)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1665(A)(4), relative to unemployment compensation; to provide for credit to employers for contributions paid to another state or federal unemployment compensation fund; to remove the administrative discretion with regard to award of such credit; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 23:1665 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1665. Reciprocal arrangements with federal and state agencies

A. The administrator may enter into reciprocal arrangements with appropriate and duly authorized agencies of other states or of the United States, or both, whereby:

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(4) For the purposes of R.S. 23:1543 through 1551, contributions due under this Chapter with respect to wages for insured work shall be deemed to have been paid to the fund as of the date payment was made as contributions therefor under another state or federal unemployment compensation law, **provided that proof of the contribution is provided to the administrator**; but no such arrangement shall

1           be entered into unless it contains provisions for the reimbursement of ~~such~~ **the**  
 2           contributions and the actual earnings thereon, ~~as the administrator finds will be fair~~  
 3           and reasonable as to all affected interests.

4           Reimbursements paid from the fund pursuant to Paragraph (3) of this  
 5           Subsection shall be deemed to be benefits for the purpose of Parts II and V of this  
 6           Chapter. The administrator may make to other state or federal agencies and receive  
 7           from them, reimbursements from or to the fund, in accordance with arrangements  
 8           entered into pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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DIGEST

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Present law provides that the administrator (executive director of the La. Workforce Commission) will decisions regarding delinquent payments made in accordance with other state or federal unemployment laws in accordance with what the administrator deems fair and reasonable.

Proposed law relieves the administrator of any discretion and requires that payments to other state or federal funds will be considered.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 23:1665(A)(4))