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DIGEST

Martiny (SB 377)

Present law provides that the administrator for the unemployment insurance fund (executive director of the La. Workforce Commission) may enter into reciprocal arrangements with unemployment agencies of other states or the United States, or both, regarding the payment of unemployment contributions that are made by employers to other states or to the federal government.

Proposed law requires that the La. Workforce Commission will work with multi-state employers to propose interstate reciprocal agreements that will safeguard multi-state employers from paying duplicative unemployment insurance on the same worker and protect the solvency of a state's trust fund by ensuring sufficient tax streams to cover benefit liabilities.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 23:1665(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to the original bill

1. Removes discretion of the administrator and, therefore, mandates the administrator to enter into reciprocal arrangements with other states or the federal government.

2. Requires a date for proof of contributions.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Deletes the requirements that mandate the administrator to propose reciprocal arrangements with appropriate and duly authorized agencies of other states or of the U.S. government.

2. Deletes provisions being restricted to wages for insured work provided proof of the contribution is provided to the administrator by a date certain.

3. Adds requirement that the La. Workforce Commission shall work with multi-state

employers to propose interstate reciprocal agreements that will safeguard multi-state employers from paying duplicative unemployment insurance on the same worker and protect the solvency of a state's trust fund by ensuring sufficient tax streams to cover benefit liabilities.