Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5427 SB	Title:	Job search monitoring	Agen	cy: 540-E Depar	imployment Security
Part I: Estimates					
No Fiscal Impact					
Estimated Cash Receipts	to:				
NONE					
Estimated Operating Ex NONE	penditures from:				
Estimated Capital Budge	t Impact:				
NONE					
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Check applicable boxes					
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Capital budget impa	act, complete Part I	V.			
Requires new rule r	making, complete Pa	art V.			
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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Briefly describe by section number, the significant provisions of the bill, and any related workload or policy assumptions, that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency.

This bill gives the Employment Security Department (ESD) the authority to gradually phase-in work search requirements that have been suspended since the beginning of the pandemic.

Section 1 - Until December 31, 2023, the agency has authority to modify work search requirements from the statutory three employer contacts or approved WorkSource activities by directing otherwise. On or after January 1, 2024, the language reverts to the statutory standard.

Section 2 - By December 1, 2022, the Department must submit a report to the Legislature detailing the impact of any flexibilities used for claimant job search methods or monitoring, and any outcomes of those flexibilities.

Section 3 - Adds a state severability clause.

Section 4 - Adds a federal severability clause.

Section 5 - Adds an emergency clause - bill takes effect immediately.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Briefly describe and quantify the cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency, identifying the cash receipts provisions by section number and when appropriate the detail of the revenue sources. Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

N/A

II. C - Expenditures

Briefly describe the agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), identifying by section number the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings). Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

In order to implement this bill, the Employment Security Department (ESD) will need to:

- Adjust the Unemployment Tax and Benefits System (UTAB) settings to turn back on the work search requirements as a required element for weekly claims certifications.
- Provide refresher training and communications to affected staff.
- Develop, compile and submit the new report required by this bill to the Legislature.

Total anticipated one-time costs for FY22 = \$5,710. This work is either currently underway and/or can be completed within existing resources. Therefore, the implementation of this bill would result in no additional fiscal impact to the agency.

1. Information Technology Services (IT)

Adjust the Unemployment Tax and Benefits System (UTAB) settings to make work search requirements a required element for weekly claims certifications. This work is minimal and can be completed within existing resources at no additional costs to the Department.

2. Develop Job Search Flexibilities Impact Report

Develop, compile and submit the new report required by this bill to the Legislature. This work will require a Management Analyst 5 approximately 80 hours to complete. (FY22 .04 FTE; \$5,710)

Total One-time Costs for Report Development FY22 = \$5,710

3. Staff Training and Communications

Refresher training and communications for staff are required to implement this bill. The training required is minimal and can be completed within existing resources at no additional cost to the Department.

4. Rulemaking to expand opportunities to meet these requirements is currently underway.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures
NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Identify acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and describe potential financing methods NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part IVB

NONE

N/A

Part V: New Rule Making Required