

By: Representative Carpenter

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1402

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE INTEGRITY ACT OF  
 2 2022; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT TO ENSURE THE  
 3 INTEGRITY OF THE STATE'S UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM AND TO  
 4 VERIFY ELIGIBILITY AND PREVENT FRAUDULENT FILING AND PAYMENT OF  
 5 CLAIMS, THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SHALL  
 6 USE THE INTEGRITY DATA HUB TO VERIFY THE INTEGRITY OF THE STATE'S  
 7 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ROLLS, CHECK, ON A WEEKLY BASIS, THE  
 8 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ROLLS AGAINST THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
 9 CORRECTIONS' LIST OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS TO VERIFY  
 10 ELIGIBILITY AND ENSURE PROGRAM INTEGRITY, AND CHECK, ON A WEEKLY  
 11 BASIS, NEW HIRE RECORDS AGAINST THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NEW  
 12 HIRES TO VERIFY ELIGIBILITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

14 **SECTION 1.** (1) The provisions of this section shall be  
 15 known and may be cited as the "Unemployment Insurance Integrity  
 16 Act of 2022."

17 (2) The following words and phrases shall have the meanings  
 18 as defined in this section unless the context clearly indicates  
 19 otherwise:

20 (a) "Department" means the Mississippi Department of  
 21 Employment Security.



22 (b) "New hire records" means the directory of newly  
23 hired and re-hired employees reported under state and federal law  
24 and managed by the department.

25 (c) "Unemployment insurance rolls" means unemployed  
26 workers receiving unemployment insurance in the state.

27 (d) "Integrity Data Hub" means the centralized,  
28 multi-state data analysis tool used by the National Association of  
29 State Workforce Agencies, which allows participating state  
30 unemployment insurance agencies to cross-match unemployment  
31 insurance claims against a database of information associated with  
32 potentially fraudulent claims or overpayments.

33 (e) "National Directory of New Hires" means the  
34 database that stores personal and financial data on employed  
35 individuals across the country and contains information and data  
36 on individuals receiving unemployment compensation.

37 (3) To ensure the integrity of the state's unemployment  
38 insurance program and to verify eligibility and prevent fraudulent  
39 filing and payment of claims, the department shall:

40 (a) Use the Integrity Data Hub to verify the integrity  
41 of the state's unemployment insurance rolls;

42 (b) Check, on a weekly basis, the unemployment  
43 insurance rolls against the Mississippi Department of Corrections'  
44 list of incarcerated individuals to verify eligibility and ensure  
45 program integrity; and



46 (c) Check, on a weekly basis, new hire records against  
47 the National Directorate of New Hires to verify eligibility.

48 (4) The department shall have the authority to execute a  
49 memorandum of understanding with any department, agency or  
50 division for information required to be shared between agencies  
51 outlined in this section.

52 (5) If the department receives information concerning an  
53 individual enrolled in the unemployment compensation insurance  
54 program that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect  
55 his or her eligibility, the department shall review the  
56 individual's case and make a final determination of his or her  
57 eligibility as otherwise provided by law.

58 (6) The department shall promulgate the necessary rules and  
59 regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

60 (7) The provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Integrity  
61 Act of 2022 shall supersede any other provision of law to the  
62 contrary.

63 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
64 and after July 1, 2022.

