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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2523

By: McDaniel of the House

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to labor; amending 40 O.S. 2011,
11 Sections 2-207, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 196,
12 O.S.L. 2012, 2-209, as amended by Section 4, Chapter
13 345, O.S.L. 2017, Section 1, Chapter 58, O.S.L. 2017,
14 2-303, 2-411, 2-418, as amended by Section 4, Chapter
15 148, O.S.L. 2013, 2-503, as last amended by Section
16 6, Chapter 220, O.S.L. 2014, 2-613, as last amended
17 by Section 6, Chapter 287, O.S.L. 2016, 2-801, 2-803
18 and 4-509, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 345,
19 O.S.L. 2017 (40 O.S. Supp. 2017, Sections 2-207, 2-
20 209, 2-209.1, 2-418, 2-503, 2-613 and 4-509), which
21 relate to the Employment Security Act of 1980;
22 modifying wage requirement during base period;
23 clarifying language; removing exception relating to
24 educational institutions; adding exceptions for
 educational service contractors; modifying
 exemptions; altering disqualification to receive
 benefits; requiring claim notice to contain certain
 admonition; modifying benefit overpayments; requiring
 certain child support process be served on
 appropriate agency; modifying disclosure of food
 purchase assistance benefits; amending 74 O.S. 2011,
 Section 3111, which relates to the use of Social
 Security numbers; requiring disclosure of Social
 Security number to the Oklahoma Employment Security
 Commission; and providing an effective date.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

2 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 2-207, as
3 amended by Section 2, Chapter 196, O.S.L. 2012 (40 O.S. Supp. 2017,
4 Section 2-207), is amended to read as follows:

5 Section 2-207. WAGE REQUIREMENT DURING BASE PERIOD.

6 A. The unemployed individual, during the individual's base
7 period, shall have been paid:

8 1. Taxable wages of not less than One Thousand Five Hundred
9 Dollars (\$1,500.00); and

10 2. Total wages of not less than one and one-half (1 1/2) times
11 the amount of wages during that quarter of the individual's base
12 period in which the wages were highest.

13 B. Notwithstanding the provisions in subsection A of this
14 section, an unemployed individual shall be eligible for benefits if,
15 during the individual's base period, he or she shall have been paid:

16 1. Taxable wages of any amount; and

17 2. Total wages equal to or more than the annual amount of
18 taxable wages that applies to any calendar year in which the claim
19 for unemployment benefits was filed.

20 C. 1. If an individual lacks sufficient base period wages
21 ~~under subsection A or B of this section~~ to establish a claim for
22 benefits under this section, any wages paid in the individual's
23 alternative base period shall be considered as the individual's base
24 period wages. Once the alternative base period wages are

1 determined, those wage figures shall be used to determine
2 eligibility for benefits under subsection A or B of this section.

3 2. If the Commission has not received wage information from the
4 individual's employer for the most recent calendar quarter of the
5 alternative base period, the Commission shall accept an affidavit
6 from the individual supported by wage information such as check
7 stubs, deposit slips, or other supporting documentation to determine
8 wages paid.

9 3. A determination of benefits based on an alternative base
10 period shall be adjusted when the quarterly wage report is received
11 from the employer, if the wage information in the report differs
12 from that reported by the individual.

13 4. If alternative base period wages are established by
14 affidavit of the individual, the employer to which the wages are
15 attributed will have the right to protest the wages reported. If a
16 protest is made, the employer must provide documentary evidence of
17 wages paid to the individual. The Commission will determine the
18 wages paid based on the preponderance of the evidence presented by
19 each party.

20 5. Provided, no wages used to establish a claim under an
21 alternative base period shall be subsequently used to establish a
22 second benefit year.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 2-209, as
2 amended by Section 4, Chapter 345, O.S.L. 2017 (40 O.S. Supp. 2017,
3 Section 2-209), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 2-209. BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL OR
5 NONPROFIT EMPLOYERS.

6 Benefits based on service in employment defined in paragraph (3)
7 or (4) of Section 1-210 of this title, including any federally
8 operated educational institutions, shall be payable in the same
9 amount, on the same terms and subject to the same conditions as
10 benefits payable on the basis of other service subject to the
11 Employment Security Act of 1980, except that:

12 (1) With respect to service performed in an instructional,
13 research or principal administrative capacity for an educational
14 institution, benefits shall not be paid based on services for any
15 week of unemployment commencing during the period between two (2)
16 successive academic years, or during a similar period between two
17 regular but not successive terms, or during a period of paid
18 sabbatical leave provided for in the individual's contract, to any
19 individual if the individual performs services in the first academic
20 year or term and if there is a contract or a reasonable assurance
21 that the individual will perform services in any such capacity for
22 any educational institution in the second academic year or term;

23 (2) With respect to services performed in any other capacity
24 for an educational institution, benefits shall not be paid on the

1 basis of services to any individual for any week which commences
2 during a period between two (2) successive academic years or terms
3 if the individual performs services in the first academic year or
4 term and there is a reasonable assurance that the individual will
5 perform services in any such capacity in the second academic year or
6 term, except that if compensation is denied to any individual
7 pursuant to this paragraph and the individual was not offered an
8 opportunity to perform services for the educational institution for
9 the second academic year or term, the individual shall be entitled
10 to a retroactive payment of compensation for each week for which the
11 individual filed a timely claim for compensation and for which
12 compensation was denied solely by reason of this clause;

13 (3) With respect to any services described in paragraphs (1)
14 and (2) of this section, benefits shall not be payable on the basis
15 of services in any capacities to any individual for any week which
16 commences during an established and customary vacation period or
17 holiday recess if the individual performs services in the period
18 immediately before the vacation period or holiday recess, and there
19 is a reasonable assurance that the individual will perform services
20 in any such capacity in the period immediately following the
21 vacation period or holiday recess;

22 (4) With respect to any services described in paragraphs (1)
23 and (2) of this section, benefits shall not be payable on the basis
24 of services in any capacities as specified in paragraphs (1), (2)

1 and (3) of this section to any individual who performed services in
2 an educational institution while in the employ of an educational
3 service agency. For purposes of this paragraph, the term
4 "educational service agency" means a governmental agency or
5 governmental entity which is established and operated exclusively
6 for the purpose of providing services to one or more educational
7 institutions; and

8 ~~(5) With respect to services to which paragraph (3) or (4) of~~
9 ~~Section 1-210 of this title applies, if services are provided to or~~
10 ~~on behalf of an educational institution, benefits shall not be~~
11 ~~payable under the same circumstances and subject to the same terms~~
12 ~~and conditions as described in paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4) of~~
13 ~~this section; and~~

14 ~~(6)~~ If an individual has employment with an educational
15 institution and has employment with a ~~noneducation~~ noneducational
16 employer or employers during the base period of the individual's
17 benefit year, the individual may become eligible for benefits during
18 the between-term denial period, based only on the noneducational
19 employment.

20 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 58, O.S.L. 2017
21 (40 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 2-209.1), is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 Section 2-209.1 BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICE
24 CONTRACTORS.

1 A. As used in this section only:

2 1. "Educational service contractor" means a private business
3 entity that has contracted with one or more educational institutions
4 to provide workers on-site or on-campus that are assigned to
5 accomplish tasks deemed necessary by the educational institution;
6 and

7 2. "Educational institution" means a school, school system,
8 college or university providing elementary, secondary,
9 career/technology or higher education and which is operated by an
10 entity as defined in paragraph (3) or (4) of Section 1-210 of Title
11 ~~40 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

12 B. Benefits based on service in employment of an educational
13 service contractor shall be payable in the same amount, on the same
14 terms and subject to the same conditions as benefits payable on the
15 basis of other service subject to the Employment Security Act of
16 1980, except that:

17 1. With respect to service performed in an instructional,
18 research or principal administrative capacity for an educational
19 institution, benefits shall not be paid based on services for any
20 week of unemployment commencing during the period between two (2)
21 successive academic years, during a similar period between two
22 regular but not successive terms or during a period of paid
23 sabbatical leave provided for in the individual's contract, to any
24 individual if the individual performs services in the first academic

1 year or term and if there is a contract or a reasonable assurance
2 that the individual will perform services in any such capacity for
3 any educational institution in the second academic year or term; ~~and~~

4 2. With respect to services performed in any other capacity for
5 an educational institution, benefits shall not be paid on the basis
6 of services to any individual for any week which commences during a
7 period between two (2) successive academic years or terms if the
8 individual performs services in any such capacity in the first
9 academic year or term and there is a reasonable assurance that the
10 individual will perform services in the second academic year or
11 term, except that if compensation is denied to any individual under
12 this paragraph and the individual was not offered an opportunity to
13 perform services for the educational institution for the second
14 academic year or term, the individual shall be entitled to a
15 retroactive payment of compensation for each week for which the
16 individual filed a timely claim for compensation and for which
17 compensation was denied solely by reason of this paragraph;

18 3. With respect to any services described in paragraphs 1 and 2
19 of this subsection, benefits shall not be payable on the basis of
20 services in any capacities to any individual for any week which
21 commences during an established and customary vacation period or
22 holiday recess if the individual performs services in the period
23 immediately before the vacation period or holiday recess, and there
24 is a reasonable assurance that the individual will perform services

1 in any such capacity in the period immediately following the
2 vacation period or holiday recess; and

3 4. If an individual has employment with an educational service
4 contractor and has employment with a noneducational employer or
5 employers during the base period of the individual's benefit year,
6 the individual may become eligible for benefits during the between-
7 term denial period, based only on the noneducational employment.

8 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 2-303, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 2-303. ASSIGNMENTS VOID, EXEMPTION FROM PROCESS.

11 No assignment, pledge, or encumbrance of any right to benefits
12 which are or may become due or payable under the Employment Security
13 Act of 1980 shall be valid. All such rights to benefits shall be
14 exempt from levy, execution, attachment, or any other remedy
15 whatsoever provided for the collection of debt. Benefits received
16 by an individual, so long as they are not mingled with other funds
17 of the recipient, shall be exempt from any remedy whatsoever for the
18 collection of all debts during the time the individual was
19 unemployed, except ~~those debts incurred for necessities furnished to~~
20 ~~the individual or his or her spouse, or dependents, including for~~
21 child support obligations pursuant to Section 2-801 of this title,
22 and debts created due to food ~~stamp~~ purchase assistance
23 overissuances for which the individual is liable pursuant to Section
24 2-803 of this title. Benefits shall be subject to tax levies issued

1 by the Internal Revenue Service in accordance with 26 U.S.C.,
2 Section 6331(h) provided an agreement is entered into between the
3 Internal Revenue Service and the Oklahoma Employment Security
4 Commission, and approved by the United States Department of Labor,
5 that provides for the payment of all administrative costs associated
6 with processing the tax levies. No waiver of any exemption provided
7 for in this section shall be valid.

8 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 2-411, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 2-411. RETIREMENT PAYMENTS.

11 1. Except for any payment or benefit payment made pursuant to
12 the federal Social Security Act, an individual shall be disqualified
13 for benefits for any week which begins in a period with respect to
14 which such individual is receiving a governmental or other pension,
15 retirement or retired pay, annuity or any other similar periodic
16 retirement payment which is based on the previous work of such
17 individual if:

18 a. such pension, retirement or retired pay, annuity or
19 similar payment is under a plan maintained, or
20 contributed to, by a base period ~~or~~ and chargeable
21 employer; and

22 b. in the case of such a payment not made under the
23 Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, 45 U.S.C., Section
24 231 et seq., services performed for such employer by

1 the individual after the beginning of the base period,
2 or remuneration for such services, affect eligibility
3 for or increase the amount of, such pension,
4 retirement or retired pay, annuity or similar payment.

5 2. If the total of such remuneration is less than the benefits
6 which would otherwise be due under the Employment Security Act of
7 1980, Section 1-101 et seq. of this title, the individual shall be
8 entitled to receive for such week, if otherwise eligible, benefits
9 reduced by the amount of such remuneration.

10 3. If payments referred to in this section are being received
11 by an individual under the federal Social Security Act, the
12 Commission shall take into account the individual's contribution to
13 Social Security and make no reduction in the weekly benefit amount.

14 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 2-418, as
15 amended by Section 4, Chapter 148, O.S.L. 2013 (40 O.S. Supp. 2017,
16 Section 2-418), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 2-418. SEEK AND ACCEPT WORK - INDEFINITE
18 DISQUALIFICATION.

19 A. An individual shall be disqualified to receive benefits for
20 the full period of unemployment next ensuing after the individual
21 shall have failed to do any of the following:

22 1. Accept an offer of suitable work, as defined by ~~Section~~
23 Sections 2-408 and 2-409 of this title, from an employer including
24 any former employer;

1 2. Apply for or accept suitable work, as defined by ~~Section~~
2 Sections 2-408 and 2-409 of this title, when so directed by the
3 Commission; or

4 3. Accept employment pursuant to a hiring hall agreement when
5 so offered.

6 Such disqualification shall continue until the individual has become
7 reemployed and has earned wages equal to or in excess of ten (10)
8 times his or her weekly benefit amount.

9 B. An employer who provides evidence of an offer of suitable
10 work pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section shall
11 be proof of the failure of the individual to meet this requirement
12 and shall result in the immediate cessation of benefits until a
13 determination can be made by the Commission. The Commission shall
14 conduct a timely investigation of any such claim and verify the
15 offer of suitable work.

16 C. Any individual who shall have failed in any of the
17 requirements of subsection A of this section due to illness, death
18 of a family member or other extenuating circumstance beyond his or
19 her control shall be disqualified for regular benefits under this
20 section only for the week of the occurrence of such circumstance
21 beyond his or her control.

22 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 2-503, as
23 last amended by Section 6, Chapter 220, O.S.L. 2014 (40 O.S. Supp.
24 2017, Section 2-503), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 2-503. CLAIMS, NOTICES AND OBJECTIONS.

2 A. Claims for benefits shall be made in accordance with all
3 rules that the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission may
4 prescribe.

5 B. Promptly after an initial claim or an additional initial
6 claim is filed, the Commission shall give written notice of the
7 claim to the last employer of the claimant for whom he or she worked
8 at least fifteen (15) working days. The required fifteen (15)
9 working days are not required to be consecutive. Provided, that
10 promptly after the Commission is notified of the claimant's
11 separation from an employment obtained by a claimant during a
12 continued claim series, the Commission shall give written notice of
13 the claim to the last separating employer. Notices to separating
14 employers during a continued claim series will be given to the last
15 employer in the claim week without regard to length of employment.
16 Each notice shall contain an admonition that failure to respond to
17 the notice could affect the employer's tax rate.

18 C. Promptly after the claim is paid for the fifth week of
19 benefits the Commission shall give written notice of the claim to
20 all other employers of the claimant during the claimant's base
21 period. The notice will be given pursuant to Section 3-106 of this
22 title.

23 D. Notices shall be deemed given when the Commission deposits
24 the same in the United States mail addressed to the employer's last-

1 known address. Notice shall be presumed prima facie to have been
2 given to the employer to whom addressed on the date stated in the
3 written notice. If the employer has elected to be notified by
4 electronic means according to procedures set out in Oklahoma
5 Employment Security Commission rules, notice shall be deemed to be
6 given when the Commission transmits the notification by electronic
7 means.

8 E. Within ten (10) days after the date on the notice or the
9 date of the postmark on the envelope in which the notice was sent,
10 whichever is later, an employer may file with the Commission at the
11 address prescribed in the notice written objections to the claim
12 setting forth specifically the facts which:

13 1. Make the claimant ineligible for benefits under Sections 2-
14 201 through 2-210 of this title;

15 2. Disqualify the claimant from benefits under Sections 2-401
16 through 2-419 of this title; or

17 3. Relieve such employer from being charged for the benefits
18 wages of such claimant.

19 F. An untimely employer objection to a claim for unemployment
20 benefits made pursuant to subsection E of this section may be
21 allowed for good cause shown.

22 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 2-613, as
23 last amended by Section 6, Chapter 287, O.S.L. 2016 (40 O.S. Supp.
24 2017, Section 2-613), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 2-613. BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS.

2 An overpayment of unemployment benefits shall be classified in
3 one of three ways with recovery and recoupment to be conducted as
4 follows:

5 1. Fraud overpayment: in which an individual intentionally
6 makes a false statement or representation or fails to disclose a
7 material fact, and has received any sum as benefits to which the
8 individual was not entitled. The individual shall be liable to
9 repay this sum, plus a penalty of twenty-five percent (25%) of the
10 amount of the original overpayment and interest at the rate of one
11 percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance of the overpayment, to
12 the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. Three-fifths (3/5) of
13 the penalty amount collected shall be deposited in the Unemployment
14 Trust Fund for the State of Oklahoma and the remaining two-fifths
15 (2/5) shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Employment Security
16 Commission Revolving Fund. The interest shall cease to accrue when
17 the total accrued interest equals the amount of the overpayment. If
18 an overpayment is modified, the interest shall cease to accrue when
19 the total accrued interest equals the amount of the modified
20 overpayment. The Commission shall deduct the principal sum from any
21 future benefits payable to the individual;

22 2. Claimant error overpayment: in which an individual, by
23 mistake of law or fact, makes a false statement or representation or
24 fails to disclose a material fact and has received any sum as

benefits to which the individual was not entitled. The individual shall be liable to repay this sum, plus interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance of the overpayment, to the Commission. The interest shall cease to accrue when the total accrued interest equals the amount of the overpayment. If an overpayment is modified, the interest shall cease to accrue when the total accrued interest equals the amount of the modified overpayment. The Commission shall deduct the principal sum from any future benefits payable to the individual; or

3. Administrative overpayment - in which:

- a. an individual has received any sum as benefits under the Employment Security Act of 1980 due to an error by the Commission or an employer, or
- b. an individual has received benefits and, ~~under a redetermination or a reversal of a decision on appeal, the individual has been found to be not entitled to benefits~~ the decision to grant benefits was reversed at a higher level of appeal.

The individual shall be liable to have this sum deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual with respect to the benefit year current at the time of the receipt and the next subsequent benefit year that begins within one (1) year after the expiration of the benefit year current at the time of the receipt. No interest shall accrue on administrative overpayments. An

1 individual may voluntarily repay an administrative overpayment with
2 private funds.

3 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 2-801, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 2-801. CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS.

6 A. Beginning October 1, 1982, any individual filing a new claim
7 for unemployment compensation shall, at the time of filing such
8 claim, disclose whether or not the individual owes child support
9 obligations. If any such individual discloses that he or she owes
10 child support obligations, and is determined to be eligible for
11 unemployment compensation, the Commission shall notify the state or
12 local child support enforcement agency enforcing such obligation
13 that the individual has been determined to be eligible for
14 unemployment compensation.

15 B. The Commission shall deduct and withhold from any
16 unemployment compensation payable to an individual that owes child
17 support obligations:

18 (1) the amount specified by the individual to the Commission to
19 be deducted and withheld under this subsection, if neither
20 paragraphs (2) or (3) of this subsection are applicable, or

21 (2) the amount, if any, determined pursuant to an agreement
22 submitted to the Commission under 42 U.S.C., Section 654(19)(B)(i)
23 by the state or local child support enforcement agency, unless
24 paragraph (3) of this subsection is applicable, or

1 (3) any amount otherwise required to be so deducted and
2 withheld from such unemployment compensation pursuant to legal
3 process, which shall mean any writ, order, summons or other similar
4 process in the nature of garnishment, which:

5 (a) is issued by:

6 (i) a court of competent jurisdiction within any
7 state, territory or possession of the United
8 States,

9 (ii) a court of competent jurisdiction in any foreign
10 country with which the United States has entered
11 into an agreement which requires the United
12 States to honor such process, or

13 (iii) an authorized official pursuant to an order of
14 such a court of competent jurisdiction or
15 pursuant to state or local law, and

16 (b) is directed to, and the purpose of which is to compel,
17 a governmental entity, which holds monies which are
18 otherwise payable to an individual, to make a payment
19 from such monies to another party in order to satisfy
20 a legal obligation of such individual to provide child
21 support.

22 C. All income withholding orders or other legal process issued
23 to collect child support through a deduction from unemployment
24 benefits and all other documents necessary to complete the deduction

1 shall be served on the appropriate state or local child support
2 enforcement agency and on the Oklahoma Employment Security
3 Commission.

4 D. Any amount deducted and withheld under subsection B of this
5 section shall be paid by the Commission to the appropriate state or
6 local child support enforcement agency.

7 ~~D.~~ E. Any amount deducted and withheld under subsection B of
8 this section shall for all purposes be treated as if it were paid to
9 the individual as unemployment compensation and paid by such
10 individual to the state or local child support enforcement agency in
11 satisfaction of the individual's child support obligations.

12 ~~E.~~ F. For purposes of subsections A through ~~D~~ E of this
13 section, the term "unemployment compensation" means any compensation
14 payable under the Employment Security Act of 1980, Section 1-101 of
15 this title, including amounts payable by the Commission pursuant to
16 an agreement under any federal law providing for compensation,
17 assistance or allowances with respect to unemployment.

18 ~~F.~~ G. This section applies only if appropriate arrangements
19 have been made for reimbursement by the state or local child support
20 enforcement agency for the administrative costs, as determined by
21 the Commission, incurred by the Commission under this section which
22 are attributable to child support obligations being enforced by the
23 state or local child support enforcement agency.

24 ~~G.~~ H. For purposes of this section:

1 (1) "Child support obligations" means only obligations which
2 are being enforced pursuant to a plan described in 42 U.S.C.,
3 Section 654, which has been approved by the Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services under 42 U.S.C., Section 651 et seq.

5 (2) "State or local child support enforcement agency" means any
6 agency of a state or a political subdivision thereof, operating
7 pursuant to a plan described in 42 U.S.C., Section 654, which has
8 been approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under 42
9 U.S.C., Section 651 et seq.

10 (3) Deductions from unemployment insurance authorized by
11 subsection B of this section in satisfaction of child support
12 obligations are only those obligations defined in paragraph (1) of
13 this subsection ~~G of this section~~, and the recipient of said
14 deductions shall be defined as only a state or local child support
15 enforcement agency operating pursuant to an approved plan described
16 in 42 U.S.C., Section 654 and referenced in paragraph (2) of this
17 subsection ~~G of this section~~.

18 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 2-803, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 2-803. FOOD ~~STAMPS~~ PURCHASE ASSISTANCE OVERISSUANCES.

21 A. An individual filing a new claim for unemployment
22 compensation shall, at the time of filing the claim, disclose
23 whether or not he or she owes an uncollected overissuance of food
24 ~~stamp coupons~~ purchase assistance benefits, as defined in 7 U.S.C.,

1 Section 2022(c)(1). The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission
2 shall notify the state food ~~stamp~~ purchase assistance agency
3 enforcing such obligations of any individual who discloses that he
4 or she owes food ~~stamp~~ purchase assistance overissuances and who is
5 determined to be eligible for unemployment compensation.

6 B. The Commission shall deduct and withhold from any
7 unemployment compensation payable to an individual who owes an
8 uncollected overissuance:

9 1. The amount specified by the individual to the Commission to
10 be deducted and withheld under this section;

11 2. The amount, if any, determined pursuant to an agreement
12 submitted to the state food ~~stamp~~ purchase assistance agency under 7
13 U.S.C., Section 2022(c)(3)(A); or

14 3. Any amount otherwise required to be deducted and withheld
15 from unemployment compensation pursuant to 7 U.S.C., Section
16 2022(c)(3)(B).

17 C. Any amount deducted and withheld under this section shall be
18 paid by the Commission to the appropriate state food ~~stamp~~ purchase
19 assistance agency.

20 D. Any amount deducted and withheld under subsection B of this
21 section shall for all purposes be treated as if it were paid to the
22 individual as unemployment compensation and paid by the individual
23 to the state food ~~stamp~~ purchase assistance agency as repayment of
24 the individual's uncollected overissuance.

1 E. For purposes of this section, the term "unemployment
2 compensation" means any compensation payable under this act
3 including amounts payable by the Commission pursuant to an agreement
4 under any federal law providing for compensation, assistance, or
5 allowances with respect to unemployment.

6 F. This section applies only if arrangements have been made for
7 reimbursement by the state food ~~stamp~~ purchase assistance agency for
8 the administrative costs incurred by the Commission under this
9 section which are attributable to the repayment of uncollected
10 overissuances to the state food ~~stamp~~ purchase assistance agency.

11 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 4-509, as
12 amended by Section 7, Chapter 345, O.S.L. 2017 (40 O.S. Supp. 2017,
13 Section 4-509), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 4-509. INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED TO PUBLIC AGENCIES.

15 A. Subject to such restrictions as the Oklahoma Employment
16 Security Commission may by rule prescribe, information maintained by
17 the Commission may be made available to any agency of this or any
18 other state, or any federal agency, charged with the administration
19 of an unemployment compensation law or the maintenance of a system
20 of public employment offices, or the Internal Revenue Service of the
21 United States Department of the Treasury, the United States Social
22 Security Administration or the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Any
23 information obtained in connection with the administration of the
24 employment service may be made available to:

1 1. Persons or agencies for purposes appropriate to the
2 operation of a public employment service; or

3 2. Any agency of this state or its political subdivisions that
4 operate a program or activity designated as a required partner in
5 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act One-Stop delivery
6 system pursuant to 29 U.S.C., Section 3151(b)(1), in accordance with
7 a written agreement entered into between the partner and the
8 Commission.

9 B. Upon request, the Commission shall furnish to any agency of
10 the United States charged with the administration of public works or
11 assistance through public employment, and may furnish to any state
12 agency similarly charged, the name, address, ordinary occupation,
13 and employment status of each recipient of benefits and such
14 recipient's rights to further benefits pursuant to the provisions of
15 the Employment Security Act of 1980. The Commission shall furnish
16 to public agencies collecting debts created by food ~~stamp~~ purchase
17 assistance overissuances or administering Transitional Assistance to
18 Needy Families (TANF) or child support programs, promptly upon
19 request and in the most economical, effective and timely manner,
20 information as to:

21 1. Whether an individual has applied for, is receiving or has
22 received unemployment insurance and the amount;

23 2. The individual's current address;

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1 3. Whether the individual has refused employment and if so a
2 description of the job including the terms, conditions and rate of
3 pay; and

4 4. Any other information that might be useful in locating any
5 individual who may have a food ~~stamp~~ purchase assistance
6 overissuance or an obligation for support.

7 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 3111, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 3111. A. No state agency, board, commission or other
10 unit or subdivision of state government shall request or require,
11 except as otherwise required by law, that any person reveal the
12 Social Security number of such person in order to obtain services or
13 assistance, nor shall any state agency, board, commission or other
14 unit or subdivision of state government use, for any purpose,
15 numbers which correspond to the Social Security number of any
16 person, except as otherwise required by law. Provided that any
17 state agency, board, commission, unit or subdivision of state
18 government using Social Security numbers for a particular purpose
19 prior to January 1, 1974, may continue to use and require Social
20 Security numbers for that purpose only and provided, further, that
21 the provisions of Section 3101 et seq. of this title shall not be
22 construed to prohibit the use or requirement of disclosure of one's
23 Social Security number if the use of the number is related to the
24 Social Security Administration or benefits thereunder, or, subject

1 to the provisions of Section 1-311.1 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma
2 Statutes, to prohibit the use or requirement of disclosure of the
3 Social Security numbers of the mother and father by the Vital
4 Records Section of the State Department of Health in the
5 administration of the issuance of birth records.

6 B. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to
7 prohibit the Oklahoma Tax Commission from requiring the disclosure
8 by any person of his or her Social Security number in order to
9 administer any state tax law, as defined by Section 202 of Title 68
10 of the Oklahoma Statutes or in order for the State Treasurer to
11 administer any provision of the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, if
12 such administration requires the Tax Commission or State Treasurer
13 to obtain the Social Security number of any person.

14 C. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to
15 prohibit the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission from requiring
16 the disclosure by any person of his or her Social Security number in
17 order to administer any provision of the Employment Security Act of
18 1980.

19 D. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the State
20 Department of Education or a board of education of a school district
21 from requesting any student who wishes to enroll in or is enrolled
22 in any public school in this state to disclose the Social Security
23 ~~account~~ number of the student in order for the Department to
24 administer any provision of the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act,

1 for the collection of appropriate and necessary data pursuant to the
2 Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program, for the purpose of
3 determining student enrollment, to establish a mobility rate or for
4 the allocation of State Aid Formula and midyear adjustment in
5 funding for student growth. The State Department of Education or a
6 board of education of a school district shall not deny to any
7 student any right, benefit, or privilege provided by law because of
8 the refusal by the student to disclose the Social Security ~~account~~
9 number of the student. If the State Department of Education or a
10 board of education of a school district requests a student to
11 disclose the student's Social Security ~~account~~ number, the State
12 Department of Education or a board of education of a school district
13 shall inform the student by what statutory or other authority such
14 number is solicited and what uses will be made of the number.

15 ~~D.~~ E. The State Board of Education is authorized to develop an
16 alternative accountability system for tracking students to
17 administer any provision of the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act,
18 for the collection of appropriate and necessary data pursuant to the
19 Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program, for the purpose of
20 determining student enrollment, to establish a mobility rate or for
21 the allocation of State Aid Formula and midyear adjustment in
22 funding for student growth. The accountability system shall be
23 developed only if, in the determination of the Board, the provisions
24 of subsection ~~C~~ D of this section are not sufficient to allow for

1 the adequate implementation of the provisions of the Oklahoma School
2 Testing Program Act or the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program.

3 SECTION 13. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.
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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND BUSINESS, dated
6 02/14/2018 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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