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Research Analysis

HB 3595, as introduced, directs the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) to establish an online jobs center for employers to post job openings. Claimants seeking unemployment benefits are required to take a skills test, create an account, and add a resume on the online platform. OESC will refer claimants to up to four jobs per week. Claimants must apply to these jobs and participate in any interviews or skills tests offered by employers. Failure to apply or participate will result in the termination of benefits for that week.

Additionally, the measure requires OESC to verify a claimant's identity, the eligibility of claims filed from an out-of-state IP address, and the eligibility of claims linked to the same bank account, mailing address, or email address as another current or pending claim for benefits before disbursement. OESC must also cross-check various state and national databases to verify eligibility.

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Fiscal Analysis

As introduced, HB 3595 requires the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) to maintain an online jobs center. Claimants seeking unemployment benefits will be required to create an account for the site and complete certain tasks. Failure to accomplish those tasks will result in a termination of benefits for that week.

The measure also requires OESC to verify the eligibility of an initial claim for benefits before paying benefits to that claim.

As the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission is not an appropriated state agency, this measure does not constitute an impact to the state budget or state appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.