

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The Senate amendment to HB 3595 changed the requirement for claimants to take a skills test and create an online account from mandatory to optional upon OESC's discretion.

HB 3595, as amended, directs the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) to establish an online jobs center for employers to post job openings. OESC may require claimants to take a skills test, create an account, and add a resume on the online platform. Claimants must apply to the minimum number of jobs as determined by OESC. Failure to apply or participate will result in the termination of benefits for a full period of unemployment. Additionally, OESC must verify the eligibility of claims filed and may 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 may 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.

The Senate amendment modifies the section that states OESC *shall* require each claimant for benefits to take a skills test, and instead provides that OESC *may* require each claimant to take a skills test.

The Senate amendment does not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

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Other Considerations

None.

