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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Select Committee on Job Creation and Economic Growth

SHORT TITLE: "Hlth Coverage Info Unemployed Persons"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HEALTH CARE COVERAGE
102 INFORMATION RESOURCE ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS
103 CLAIMING BENEFITS UNDER THE "COLORADO EMPLOYMENT
104 SECURITY ACT".

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Joint Select Committee on Job Creation and Economic Growth. Requires the division of employment and training (division) in the department of labor and employment, in cooperation with the department of health care policy and financing, the division of insurance

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

in the department of regulatory agencies, and representatives of private health plan and underwriting trade associations, to develop an informational resource detailing public and private sector health care coverage options and programs available to persons who become unemployed and are seeking unemployment insurance benefits. Requires the division to distribute the information in written form to unemployment insurance benefits applicants and to post the information on its web site. Allows the division to partner with a nonprofit organization to perform functions related to developing the informational resource and providing counseling to unemployed individuals seeking health care coverage options and programs.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 8-72-103, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 **8-72-103. Publications.** (1) The director of the division shall
5 determine what information should be made public in order to carry out
6 the provisions of articles 70 to 82 of this title. Materials of the division
7 circulated in quantity outside the executive branch shall be issued in
8 accordance with the provisions of section 24-1-136, C.R.S.

9 (2) (a) THE DIVISION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING, THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE IN THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF
12 PRIVATE HEALTH PLAN AND UNDERWRITING TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, SHALL
13 DEVELOP AN INFORMATIONAL RESOURCE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL CLAIMING
14 BENEFITS UNDER THE "COLORADO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACT",
15 REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "ACT", TO ACCESS INFORMATION
16 ABOUT AVAILABLE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE
17 OPTIONS AND PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL MAY BE ELIGIBLE.
18 THE INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING:

19 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

1 OPTIONS AND PROGRAMS AVAILABLE, INCLUDING THE ELIGIBILITY
2 CRITERIA, PERTINENT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE GOVERNMENT
3 ENTITIES THAT ADMINISTER EACH PROGRAM, INCLUDING TELEPHONE
4 NUMBERS, PHYSICAL LOCATION, MAILING ADDRESS, ELECTRONIC MAIL
5 ADDRESS, AND WEB SITE ADDRESS, AND THE METHOD BY WHICH AN
6 INDIVIDUAL MAY APPLY TO PARTICIPATE; AND

7 (II) A DESCRIPTION OF PRIVATE SECTOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE
8 OPTIONS AND PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AND PERTINENT CONTACT
9 INFORMATION FOR THE PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT OFFER THE DESCRIBED
10 HEALTH CARE COVERAGE, INCLUDING TELEPHONE NUMBERS, PHYSICAL
11 LOCATION, MAILING ADDRESS, ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS, AND WEB SITE
12 ADDRESS.

13 (b) THE DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE COPIES OF WRITTEN MATERIALS
14 CONTAINING THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS
15 SUBSECTION (2) TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO MAKES A CLAIM FOR BENEFITS
16 UNDER THE ACT AND SHALL POST THE INFORMATION ON ITS WEB SITE. THE
17 DIVISION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE ENTITIES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH
18 (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), SHALL ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION ON
19 PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE OPTIONS AND
20 PROGRAMS IS UPDATED ON A REGULAR BASIS SO AS TO PROVIDE
21 CLAIMANTS WITH THE MOST ACCURATE INFORMATION POSSIBLE.

22 (c) THE DIVISION MAY OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FROM A NONPROFIT
23 ORGANIZATION FOR PURPOSES OF DEVELOPING AND UPDATING THE
24 INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2), AGGREGATING
25 PERTINENT DATA, AND PROVIDING COUNSELING SERVICES TO INTERESTED
26 INDIVIDUALS THROUGH PERSONAL, TELEPHONIC, OR WEB-BASED SERVICES.

27 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

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- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. **ASK COMMITTEE**