

Senate Study Bill 3003 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
WORKFORCE BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to information provided to the department of
2 workforce development during the fact-finding process for
3 claims for unemployment benefits.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 96.11, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 17. *Fact finding — information about*
4 *claim.*

5 a. The department shall establish a process whereby a
6 claimant and an employer may each provide information to the
7 department prior to the department's fact-finding process for
8 a claim for benefits without the presence of or participation
9 by the other party. The department shall make any information
10 provided by a party in this way available to the other party
11 following the conclusion of each party's statement during the
12 joint fact-finding meeting interview. At the request of either
13 party, the department shall provide such information to each
14 party without the presence of or participation by the other
15 party.

16 b. The department shall give each party an opportunity to
17 provide a rebuttal or response to information provided by the
18 other party prior to the department's initial determination of
19 the validity of the claim. At the request of either party, the
20 department shall provide such an opportunity without the presence
21 of or participation by the other party.

22 c. Information provided to the department pursuant to this
23 subsection shall be subject to the same standards applicable
24 to other information obtained by the department during the
25 fact-finding process for claims for benefits.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill requires the department of workforce development to
30 establish a process whereby a claimant and an employer may each
31 provide information to the department prior to the department's
32 fact-finding process for a claim for unemployment benefits
33 without the presence of or participation by the other party.
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35 this way available to the other party following the conclusion

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2 interview. At the request of either party, the department shall
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6 opportunity to provide a rebuttal or response to information
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9 either party, the department shall provide such an opportunity
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