

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 258

Unemployment Compensation/ Drug Testing of Potential and Existing Beneficiaries by Senator Bennett

Creates within the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) the Drug Deterrence Pilot Program. Provides program requirement to drug test certain individuals as a condition for unemployment benefits, in order to prevent the enabling of drug use with government funds.

Provides for the AWI to implement an unemployment compensation drug testing pilot program with Regional Workforce Board 18 no later than October 1, 2010.

Provides for disqualification of benefits if an individual refuses to submit to testing or upon testing positive for drugs. Provides that if the individual fails, the individual is not entitled to unemployment benefits for up to 52 weeks and until he or she has earned income of at least 17 times his or her weekly benefit amount. Provides for the right to appeal a positive drug test.

Provides for the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, before the 2012 Regular Session, to make a recommendation to the Legislature to abolish, continue, reorganize, or expand the program. (See bill for details)