

SENATE BILL 194

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By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request - Departmental - Human Resources)**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Human Resources - New Hires Registry Quarterly**
3 **Report - Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing an uncodified provision of law requiring the Department
5 of Human Resources to establish a certain task force, to report to the General
6 Assembly by a certain date, and to report quarterly to the Joint Committee on
7 Welfare Reform; and generally relating to the development of a new hire
8 registry.

9 BY repealing
10 Chapter 351 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996
11 Section 16

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Chapter 351 of the Acts of 1996**

15 [SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That because the General
16 Assembly recognizes that proposed congressional welfare reform legislation may
17 mandate the development of a registry of new hires in each state, and that
18 development of a new hire registry will permit data matching of employment records
19 to child support enforcement cases and AFDC and food stamp records to bolster child
20 support collections and reduce AFDC and food stamp eligibility error rates, the
21 Department of Human Resources shall establish a task force of agency staff, staff from
22 the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the State Lottery Agency, and
23 representatives of the business community to evaluate the burden on employers
24 resulting from the development of a registry and to increase the voluntary registration
25 of employers. The General Assembly is concerned with the potential burden imposed

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 on employers by development of a registry. The task force should consider options for
2 minimizing the impact of the reporting requirements on private sector employers as
3 well as evaluating the electronic transfer of information. The Department of Human
4 Resources should report to the General Assembly by September 15, 1996 on its
5 findings, and continue reporting quarterly to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform.]

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 July 1, 2008.