

## **CHAPTER 159**

**(Senate Bill 194)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Department of Human Resources – New Hires Registry Quarterly Report – Repeal**

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

BY repealing

Chapter 351 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996  
Section 16

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

#### **Chapter 351 of the Acts of 1996**

[SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That because the General Assembly recognizes that proposed congressional welfare reform legislation may mandate the development of a registry of new hires in each state, and that development of a new hire registry will permit data matching of employment records to child support enforcement cases and AFDC and food stamp records to bolster child support collections and reduce AFDC and food stamp eligibility error rates, the Department of Human Resources shall establish a task force of agency staff, staff from the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the State Lottery Agency, and representatives of the business community to evaluate the burden on employers resulting from the development of a registry and to increase the voluntary registration of employers. The General Assembly is concerned with the potential burden imposed on employers by development of a registry. The task force should consider options for minimizing the impact of the reporting requirements on private sector employers as well as evaluating the electronic transfer of information. The Department of Human Resources should report to the General Assembly by September 15, 1996 on its findings, and continue reporting quarterly to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform.]

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.**