

Chapter 534 of the Acts of 1991

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That there is a Joint Subcommittee on Unemployment Insurance Taxation and Charging consisting of the following members appointed by the President of the Senate of Maryland and the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

- (1) 4 members of the Senate Finance Committee; and
- (2) 4 members of the House Economic Matters Committee.

The Joint Subcommittee on Unemployment Insurance Taxation and Charging is charged with examining:

(1) the fairness of the existing charging and taxation system under the Maryland Unemployment Insurance law, taking into consideration its impact on employers of different sizes and in different industries;

(2) the need for altering the current system of charging and taxation in order to maintain the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund at a level sufficient to ensure that benefits will be paid from the Fund; [and]

(3) THE METHODS AND MANNER IN WHICH BENEFITS ARE AWARDED UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAW IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT OUTFLOWS FROM THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE PUBLIC POLICY GOAL BEHIND THE CREATION OF THE TRUST FUND OF PROVIDING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS TO THOSE PERSONS WITHIN THE STATE WHOSE UNEMPLOYMENT IS CAUSED THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN; AND

[(3)](4) the impact of changes in the national and State economies and their relationship to any changes in the balance of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES SHALL CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE, JOINT STUDY OF THE METHODS AND MANNER IN WHICH BENEFITS ARE AWARDED UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAW IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT OUTFLOWS FROM THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE PUBLIC POLICY BEHIND THE TRUST FUND. THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE JOINT STUDY TO THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 1992.

Subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, the Joint Subcommittee shall report to the Governor and the Legislative Policy Committee on or before [August 15, 1991] NOVEMBER 1, 1992.

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: