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To amend titles III and IX of the Social Security Act to require individuals receiving unemployment compensation to fulfill certain requirements in relation to suitable work, and for other purposes.

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Mr. EDWARDS introduced the following bill

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Unemployment Integ-
5 rity Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. REFORM OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TO**
2 **PROMOTE WORK.**

3 (a) INTERVIEW REQUIREMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 303(a) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 503(a)) is amended by add-
6 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(13) A requirement that, as a condition of eli-
8 gibility for regular compensation for any week, a
9 claimant must, if requested, in relation to work that
10 may be available—

11 “(A) respond to requests;

12 “(B) schedule and attend an interview and
13 participate in reemployment services at an
14 agreed upon time; and

15 “(C) comply with any other reasonable re-
16 quest, including any request that an individual
17 undergo drug testing or skill assessments.”.

18 (2) REPORTING OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—Section
19 303(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 503(a)), as amended
20 by paragraph (1), is further amended by adding at
21 the end the following new paragraph:

22 “(14) A method by which a person with whom
23 a claimant is seeking employment may voluntarily
24 report to the State the failure of a claimant to com-
25 ply with the State law provisions described in para-
26 graphs (12) and (13).”.

1 (b) AUDIT REQUIREMENT.—

2 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
4 Labor shall conduct a study on the effect of increas-
5 ing the number of random audits under the Bene-
6 ficiary Accuracy Management program on the ad-
7 ministration of State unemployment compensation
8 laws.

9 (2) AUDIT PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS.—Not later
10 than 1 year after submitting the report required
11 under paragraph (1), if such report indicates that
12 increasing the number of random audits under the
13 Benefit Accuracy Measurement program (or any
14 successor audit program) will improve the adminis-
15 tration of State unemployment compensation laws,
16 the Secretary shall prescribe regulations to increase
17 the number of such audits in accordance with such
18 report.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph
21 (B), the amendments made by subsections (a) and
22 (b) shall, with respect to a State, apply to weeks be-
23 ginning after the date that is 1 year after the date
24 of enactment of this Act.

1 (2) STATES WITH BIENNIAL LEGISLATIVE SES-
2 SIONS.—In the case of a State whose legislature is
3 not in session during the 1-year period beginning on
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the amendments
5 made by subsections (a) and (b) shall, with respect
6 to such State, apply to weeks beginning after the
7 end of the first session of the State legislature which
8 begins after the date of enactment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 3. WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTENDED AND EMER-**
10 **GENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 905 of the Social Security
12 Act (42 U.S.C. 1105) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “Amounts”
14 and inserting “Subject to subsection (e), amounts”;
15 and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “(e) LIMITATION ON FUNDS TRANSFERS.—(1)
19 Amounts in the extended unemployment compensation ac-
20 count may not be transferred to a State account for the
21 purposes of any unemployment compensation law unless
22 the Secretary of Labor certifies that the State law under
23 which such unemployment compensation will be adminis-
24 tered includes the provisions required by paragraphs (13)
25 and (14) of section 303(a).

1 “(2) The provisions of this subsection shall apply not-
2 withstanding any other provision of law enacted after the
3 date of enactment of the Unemployment Integrity Act of
4 2023, unless such other provision of law specifically cites
5 this subsection.”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
8 the amendments made by subsection (a) shall, with
9 respect to a State, apply to weeks beginning after
10 the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment
11 of this Act.

12 (2) STATES WITH BIENNIAL LEGISLATIVE SES-
13 SIONS.—In the case of a State whose legislature is
14 not in session during the 1-year period beginning on
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the amendments
16 made by subsection (a) shall, with respect to such
17 State, apply to weeks beginning after the end of the
18 first session of the State legislature which begins
19 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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