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Introduced by Sen. ALCANTARA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to the establishment of wage data clearinghouses

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 44 to read
2 as follows:

3 § 44. Wage data clearinghouse. 1. The commissioner, subject to avail-
4 able appropriations and in consultation with the commissioner of educa-
5 tion and the state workforce investment board, shall establish three
6 wage data clearinghouses, as designated by the department of labor wher-
7 ein each would serve between three and four distinct labor market areas
8 divided among the north, west and downstate regions of the state, as
9 defined by the department. The purpose of the wage data clearinghouses
10 are to: (a) analyze available wage record data, quarterly census of
11 employment and wages data, and unemployment insurance data and other
12 available data; (b) supplement current data analysis and assist the
13 department of labor, state and local policymakers, workforce training
14 and education providers, public secondary schools, institutions of high-
15 er education and research institutions with the analysis of such data;
16 and (c) analyze the outcomes and effectiveness of workforce preparation
17 programs in their regions, and to conduct other related research.

18 2. The wage data clearinghouses shall be administered by academic
19 institutions in the state of New York with proven experience in analyz-
20 ing labor data and shall be selected by the commissioner, in consulta-
21 tion with the commissioner of education and the state workforce invest-
22 ment board, through a request for proposal process. Criteria shall
23 include, but not be limited to, the demonstrated ability of the chosen

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 institution to analyze wage reporting data and to leverage and attract
2 federal funds, and non-governmental funds. The commissioner is author-
3 ized to provide funding to selected academic institutions for operating
4 wage data clearinghouses of up to six hundred thousand dollars annually
5 divided evenly among the three clearinghouses. Any unused allocation
6 may be made available in the subsequent fiscal year.

7 3. The department shall provide the wage data clearinghouses with all
8 state and federal wage and employment related data it has available,
9 including but not limited to wage record data, quarterly census of
10 employment and wages data and unemployment insurance data. All disclo-
11 sure requirements specified in section five hundred thirty-seven of this
12 chapter shall apply to all wage data clearinghouse employees working
13 with the data.

14 4. A statewide wage data clearinghouse advisory board is hereby estab-
15 lished for the purpose of determining statewide objectives and each of
16 the wage data clearinghouse's research and evaluation priorities after
17 consultation with the director of each wage data clearinghouse and after
18 reviewing each director's recommendations for review. The advisory
19 board shall consist of nine members, three of whom shall be appointed by
20 the commissioner, three of whom shall be appointed by the commissioner
21 of education, three of whom shall be appointed by the state workforce
22 investment board. The advisory board shall include representatives of
23 higher education, workforce education and training providers, busi-
24 nesses, including small businesses, labor organizations and other
25 appointees with expertise in workforce development the department deems
26 appropriate.

27 5. The wage data clearinghouses shall use wage record data, quarterly
28 census of employment and wages data, and unemployment insurance data
29 provided by the department and any other data sets including data
30 provided by state, federal or local agencies it deems appropriate, to
31 provide analyses of the effectiveness of workforce preparation programs
32 throughout the state, and any other research the advisory board identi-
33 fies as contributing to the attainment of long-term employment of resi-
34 dents, especially those who are unemployed or under-employed.

35 6. The wage data clearinghouses shall release reports and aggregated
36 data to the department, which shall share such information on the
37 department's website, as well as on any website maintained by the clear-
38 inghouses.

39 7. One year after selection of the academic institutions that will
40 serve as clearinghouses, the department shall submit to the director of
41 the budget, the chair of the senate finance committee, the chair of the
42 assembly ways and means committee, the chairs of senate and assembly
43 labor committees, the speaker of the assembly, and the president pro
44 tempore of the senate, an evaluation of this program prepared by an
45 entity independent of the department. Such evaluation shall be submitted
46 every four years thereafter.

47 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.