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H. F. No. 469

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to unemployment insurance; authorizing data sharing with the attorney
1.3 general; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 268.19, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 268.19, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. Use of data. (a) Except as provided by this section, data gathered from
1.7 any person under the administration of the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Law are
1.8 private data on individuals or nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in section 13.02,
1.9 subdivisions 9 and 12, and may not be disclosed except according to a district court order
1.10 or section 13.05. A subpoena is not considered a district court order. These data may be
1.11 disseminated to and used by the following agencies without the consent of the subject of
1.12 the data:

1.13 (1) state and federal agencies specifically authorized access to the data by state or federal
1.14 law;

1.15 (2) any agency of any other state or any federal agency charged with the administration
1.16 of an unemployment insurance program;

1.17 (3) any agency responsible for the maintenance of a system of public employment offices
1.18 for the purpose of assisting individuals in obtaining employment;

1.19 (4) the public authority responsible for child support in Minnesota or any other state in
1.20 accordance with section 256.978;

1.21 (5) human rights agencies within Minnesota that have enforcement powers;

2.1 (6) the Department of Revenue to the extent necessary for its duties under Minnesota  
2.2 laws;

2.3 (7) public and private agencies responsible for administering publicly financed assistance  
2.4 programs for the purpose of monitoring the eligibility of the program's recipients;

2.5 (8) the Department of Labor and Industry and the Commerce Fraud Bureau in the  
2.6 Department of Commerce for uses consistent with the administration of their duties under  
2.7 Minnesota law;

2.8 (9) the Department of Human Services and the Office of Inspector General and its agents  
2.9 within the Department of Human Services, including county fraud investigators, for  
2.10 investigations related to recipient or provider fraud and employees of providers when the  
2.11 provider is suspected of committing public assistance fraud;

2.12 (10) local and state welfare agencies for monitoring the eligibility of the data subject  
2.13 for assistance programs, or for any employment or training program administered by those  
2.14 agencies, whether alone, in combination with another welfare agency, or in conjunction  
2.15 with the department or to monitor and evaluate the statewide Minnesota family investment  
2.16 program and other cash assistance programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,  
2.17 and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training program by  
2.18 providing data on recipients and former recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
2.19 Program (SNAP) benefits, cash assistance under chapter 256, 256D, 256J, or 256K, child  
2.20 care assistance under chapter 119B, or medical programs under chapter 256B or 256L or  
2.21 formerly codified under chapter 256D;

2.22 (11) local and state welfare agencies for the purpose of identifying employment, wages,  
2.23 and other information to assist in the collection of an overpayment debt in an assistance  
2.24 program;

2.25 (12) local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies for the purpose of ascertaining  
2.26 the last known address and employment location of an individual who is the subject of a  
2.27 criminal investigation;

2.28 (13) the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement has access to data on  
2.29 specific individuals and specific employers provided the specific individual or specific  
2.30 employer is the subject of an investigation by that agency;

2.31 (14) the Department of Health for the purposes of epidemiologic investigations;

2.32 (15) the Department of Corrections for the purposes of case planning and internal research  
2.33 for preprobation, probation, and postprobation employment tracking of offenders sentenced

3.1 to probation and preconfinement and postconfinement employment tracking of committed  
3.2 offenders;

3.3 (16) the state auditor to the extent necessary to conduct audits of job opportunity building  
3.4 zones as required under section 469.3201; ~~and~~

3.5 (17) the Office of Higher Education for purposes of supporting program improvement,  
3.6 system evaluation, and research initiatives including the Statewide Longitudinal Education  
3.7 Data System; and

3.8 (18) the attorney general for the purpose of conducting an investigation pursuant to  
3.9 section 177.45 or 181.1721.

3.10 (b) Data on individuals and employers that are collected, maintained, or used by the  
3.11 department in an investigation under section 268.182 are confidential as to data on individuals  
3.12 and protected nonpublic data not on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivisions 3  
3.13 and 13, and must not be disclosed except under statute or district court order or to a party  
3.14 named in a criminal proceeding, administrative or judicial, for preparation of a defense.

3.15 (c) Data gathered by the department in the administration of the Minnesota unemployment  
3.16 insurance program must not be made the subject or the basis for any suit in any civil  
3.17 proceedings, administrative or judicial, unless the action is initiated by the department.