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### Overview

Provides for a comprehensive measure of unemployment and underemployment within the state.

#### Section

- 1** **Duties.** Clarifies the duties of the commissioner regarding official forecasts of unemployment and additional data to be collected.
- 2** **Measurement of unemployment and under employment.** Requires the commissioner of employment and economic development to develop and begin using a method of measuring the number of unemployed workers in the state that would include both unemployed and underemployed persons. The new measure would include part-time workers who would prefer full-time employment as well as people currently unemployed but not actively seeking work due to barriers to employment. The new method would also include substate information on employment and underemployment and information about the incidence of unemployment and underemployment by demographic categories. Requires a monthly report to designated members of the legislature on the measures.
- 3** **Use of appropriation.** Makes \$120,000 of federal stimulus money for administration of unemployment insurance available for implementation of sections 1 and 2.