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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1406

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the public assistance beneficiary employer disclosure act.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 208.230, to read as follows:

**208.230. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Public Assistance  
2 Beneficiary Employer Disclosure Act".**

**3 2. Any applicant for health care benefits under public assistance programs,  
4 including, but not limited to, state Medicaid assistance under chapter 208, or any person  
5 requesting uncompensated care in a hospital, shall identify the employer or employers of  
6 the proposed beneficiary of the health care benefits. If the proposed beneficiary is not  
7 employed, the applicant must identify the employer or employers of any adult who is  
8 responsible for providing all or some of the proposed beneficiary's support.**

**9 3. (1) The department of social services shall annually prepare a public assistance  
10 program beneficiary employer report to be submitted to the governor and general  
11 assembly. For the purposes of this section, a "public assistance program beneficiary"  
12 means a person who receives medical assistance under the state Medicaid system, Title  
13 XIX, P.L. 89-97, 1965, amendments to the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 30,  
14 et. seq., as amended. The report shall provide the following information for each employer**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 who has more than fifty employees and twenty-five or more public assistance program  
16 beneficiaries:

17 (a) The name and address of the qualified employer;

18 (b) The number of public assistance program beneficiaries;

19 (c) The number of public assistance program beneficiaries who are spouses or  
20 dependents of employees of the employer;

21 (d) Information on whether the employer offers health insurance benefits to  
22 employees and their dependents;

23 (e) Information on whether the employer receives health insurance benefits through  
24 the company;

25 (f) Whether an employer offers health insurance benefits, and, if so, information  
26 on the level of premium subsidies for such health insurance;

27 (g) The cost to the state of Missouri of providing public assistance program benefits  
28 for the employer's employees and enrolled dependents.

29 (2) The report shall not include the names of any individual public assistance  
30 program beneficiary and shall be subject to privacy standards both in the Health  
31 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, and in Title XIX of the  
32 federal Social Security Act.

33 (3) The report shall be issued within thirty days of the end of each calendar year,  
34 starting with calendar year 2007. The department of social services shall make the report  
35 available to the public through the department's Internet website. Any member of the  
36 public shall have the right to request and receive a copy of the report published under this  
37 subsection.

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