

HCS HB 2041 -- DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT
INFORMATION

SPONSOR: Hunter (Fisher)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass - federal mandate" by the
Special Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety
by a vote of 12 to 0.

This substitute specifies that the Division of Employment
Security within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
may disclose confidential information obtained from any employing
unit or individual regarding employment records required by the
division in the administration of the Missouri Employment
Security Law to a state or federal official or agency as required
by law. It will be at the division's discretion for any other
party to receive disclosures as authorized by state or federal
law.

Any person who intentionally discloses or otherwise fails to
protect confidential information in violation of these provisions
will be guilty of a class D felony.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and
FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill provides additional
protection to employers and employees by creating a penalty for
the disclosure of confidential information and satisfies a
federal mandate that the information be confidential except as
required by law.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fisher; and
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.