



Bill Draft 2019-LRa-164A: UI Program Integrity/GDAC Funds.

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OVERVIEW: *The bill appropriates funds to enhance the program integrity of the unemployment insurance program.*

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill draft directs that the State Controller to transfer two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the current fiscal year from the Coronavirus Relief Reserve to the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The funds are appropriated to the Division of Employment Security (DES) for an information technology contract with the Government Data Analytics Center (GDAC). The purpose of the contract is to do the following:

- Enhance existing unemployment insurance (UI) fraud and compliance alerting capability to prevent and detect cybersecurity attacks on DES information technology assets and resources during the pandemic.
- Provide DES with COVID-19 related program fraud detection analytics and information reporting.
- Provide pandemic UI assistance documentation analysis.
- Develop modeling for economic impact and recovery analysis.

The appropriated funds must be spent only as allowed by the federal CARES Act.

BACKGROUND: S.L. 2020-4 established the Coronavirus Relief Reserve in the General Fund to maintain federal funds received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund created under the CARES Act. That session law also established the Coronavirus Relief Fund at the State level as a special fund administered by OSBM to carry out the provisions of legislation enacted by the General Assembly to provide appropriate relief and assistance from the effects of COVID-19.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill is effective when it becomes law.

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