

1 AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 341 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) Any person suspected of fraudulently obtaining or attempting to obtain any
6 benefit under this chapter, or under any unemployment insurance law of any
7 other state or the federal government, shall be referred by the cabinet to the
8 Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, the appropriate county attorney or
9 Commonwealth's attorney, and, if applicable, the United States Department of
10 Justice. The referral shall include:

11 (a) The name of the applicable employer, employee, claimant, and name used
12 in the suspected fraud;

13 (b) Any contact information the cabinet possesses for the suspected fraudulent
14 actor; and

15 (c) Any information filed with or reported to the cabinet regarding the
16 suspected fraud.

17 (2) The cabinet shall make the referral under subsection (1) of this section no later
18 than thirty (30) days after determining suspected fraud has occurred.

19 (3) Notwithstanding KRS Chapters 16 and 18A, if the cabinet determines that a
20 public employee or contractor has collected or attempted to collect unemployment
21 benefits while employed by or under contract with a public agency, as defined in
22 KRS 61.870, the public agency shall immediately terminate the individual's
23 employment or contract. An employee or contractor may appeal the
24 determination in accordance with KRS 341.420. An employee or contractor shall
25 also be subject to penalties under KRS 341.990.

26 (4) A legal disposition finding the employee or contractor guilty is not required to
27 terminate employment under this section.