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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR EMPLOYERS TO RESPOND TO  
10 APPLICATIONS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS; TO PROVIDE  
11 FOR ONLINE NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT  
12 BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR EMPLOYERS  
16 TO RESPOND TO APPLICATIONS FOR  
17 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND TO PROVIDE FOR  
18 ONLINE NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR  
19 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-10-505 is amended to read as follows:  
26 11-10-505. Failure of base-period employer to respond.

27 (a)(1)(A) A notice to the base-period employer shall be mailed, posted  
28 on online, or both, promptly to each employer appearing on the claimant's  
29 monetary determination as a base-period employer.

30 (B) Employers may choose to receive and respond to notice  
31 under this section through the mail or online, or both.

32 (2)(A) If any base-period employer fails to respond to the  
33 notice to the base-period employer within ~~such time as the Director of the~~  
34 ~~Arkansas Employment Security Department shall by regulation prescribe~~ ten  
35 (10) business days, the employer shall be deemed to have waived the  
36 employer's right to respond.



1                   (B) The ~~director~~ Director of the Department of Workforce  
 2 Services may accept the statement given by the claimant as his or her reason  
 3 for separation from the base-period employer and may base his or her  
 4 determination on the statement given by the claimant.

5           (b) The director ~~is authorized to establish such rules and regulations~~  
 6 ~~as may be~~ shall adopt rules necessary to carry out ~~the provisions of~~ this  
 7 section.

8           (c) On or before January 1, 2012, the director shall make available on  
 9 the website of the Department of Workforce Services a program that will allow  
 10 employers the option to receive and respond to notice under this section.

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