1	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: \$3/18/13	
2	89th General Assembly A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2013	SENATE BILL 857
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5	By: Senator A. Clark	
6	For An Act To Do Frittlad	
7	For An Act To Be Entitled	
8	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DUTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF	
9	WORKFORCE SERVICES TO ENFORCE THE LAW REGARDING	ROD
10	INELIGIBILITY FOR EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	
11	FAILURE TO ACCEPT OR SEEK SUITABLE WORK; TO REQUI	.RE
12	QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	
13	CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS CONCERNING	ROD
14	INELIGIBILITY FOR EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	FOR
15	FAILURE TO ACCEPT OR SEEK SUITABLE WORK; AND FOR	
16	OTHER PURPOSES.	
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18 19	Subtitle	
20	TO CLARIFY THE DUTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF	
21	WORKFORCE SERVICES REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT	
22	INELIGIBILITY FOR FAILURE TO ACCEPT OR	
23	SEEK SUITABLE WORK; AND TO REQUIRE	
24	QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE	
25	COUNCIL.	
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28	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSA	s:
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30	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-10-543, concerning ineli	gibility for
31	extended unemployment benefits for failure to accept or seek	suitable work,
32	is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:	
33	(i) The Department of Workforce Services shall enforce	this section.
34	(j) The director shall make quarterly reports to the I	<u>egislative</u>
35	Council on the department's efforts to enforce this section,	including
36	without limitation:	



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1	(1) The number of cases of benefit recipients accused of not
2	accepting valid job offers;
3	(2) The disposition of cases reported under subdivision (j)(1)
4	of this section; and
5	(3) The policies and steps the department is taking to eliminate
6	and reduce refusals to accept valid job offers.
7	(k)(1) The department shall facilitate electronic reporting of a
8	benefit recipient who refuses to take an offered job either through outright
9	refusal, failing a drug test, or other means.
10	(2) The department may facilitate electronic reporting under
11	subdivision (k)(l) of this section by an easy to understand and use website
12	created for the purpose or created for another purpose that facilitates easy
13	reporting by potential employers and others.
14	(1)(1) The department shall notify periodically an employer regarding
15	the method for reporting a benefit recipient who fails to take a job either
16	through outright refusal, failing a drug test, or other means.
17	(2) The department may notify an employer at least two times (2)
18	per year regarding the method for reporting under subdivision (1)(1) of this
19	section by electronic means that are economically feasible and may be a part
20	of another communication to the employer.
21	(m)(l) An employer that provides a report with the belief that it is
22	true of a failure to take a job, whether by outright refusal, failure to show
23	up for work or interview, failing a drug test, or other means is not liable
24	for the reporting.
25	(2) This section provides a complete defense for an employer in
26	a civil proceeding arising from an employer's actions under this section.
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28	/s/A. Clark
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