

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.*