

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA Senate Labor & Industry Committee

FROM: Alex Halper, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs

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RE: PA Chamber Memo: Support S.B. 101 – Sharing Workforce Data

The PA Chamber urges you to support S.B. 101 to improve the dissemination of important workforce data, which the Committee is scheduled to consider this week.

Local workforce development boards are on the front lines working with unemployed Pennsylvanians to search for work and apply for and accept jobs. These boards are seeking more timely access to existing data, including unemployment compensation claims data, in order to better support pathways to re-employment through targeted services and activities.

We understand UC and new hire data can currently take up to 24 months to access, at which point the data may not be as relevant or helpful. S.B. 101 would direct the Department of Labor & Industry to share already collected workforce data on wages, new hires, and UC claimants with local workforce development boards.

This legislation is one part of a broad strategy to help address workforce challenges and we urge your support. Please contact Alex Halper at ahalper@pachamber.org or 717-645-8730 to discuss.

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