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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend sections 48-626, 48-627, and 48-628, Reissue Revised Statutes of 2 3 48-632, Statutes Nebraska, and section Revised Cumulative 4 Supplement, 2016; to change provisions relating to maximum annual unemployment benefit amounts and disqualification from unemployment 5 benefits; to authorize electronic notice as prescribed; to harmonize 6 provisions; and to repeal the original sections. 7
- 8 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 48-626, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 (1) For any benefit year beginning before October 1, 2018, 48-626 any Any otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled during any 4 5 benefit year to a total amount of benefits equal to whichever is the lesser of (a) (1) twenty-six times his or her benefit amount or (b) (2)6 7 one-third of his or her wages in the employment of each employer per calendar quarter of his or her base period; except that when any 8 9 individual has been separated from his or her employment with a base period employer under the circumstances under which he or she was or 10 could have been determined disqualified under subdivision $(1)(a) \frac{(1)}{(1)}$ or 11 (2) of section 48-628, the total benefit amount based on the employment 12 13 from which he or she was so separated shall be reduced by an amount equal to the number of weeks for which he or she is or would have been 14 disqualified had he or she filed a claim immediately after the 15 separation, multiplied by his or her weekly benefit amount, but not more 16 17 than one reduction may be made for each separation. In no event shall the benefit amount based on employment for any employer be reduced to less 18 19 than one benefit week when the individual was or could have been determined disqualified under subdivision (1)(a) (1) of section 48-628. 20

(2) For any benefit year beginning on or after October 1, 2018, any 21 otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled during any benefit year 22 to a total amount of benefits equal to whichever is the lesser of (a) 23 24 twenty-six times his or her weekly benefit amount or (b) one-third of his 25 or her wages in the employment of each employer per calendar quarter of his or her base period; except that when any individual has been 26 separated from his or her employment with a base period employer under 27 28 circumstances under which he or she was or could have been determined disqualified under subdivision (1)(b) or (2) of section 48-628, the total 29 benefit <u>amount based on the employment from which he or she was so</u> 30 31 separated shall be reduced by an amount determined pursuant to subsection

- 1 (3) of this section, but not more than one reduction may be made for each
- 2 <u>separation</u>. In no event shall the benefit amount based on employment for
- 3 any employer be reduced to less than one benefit week when the individual
- 4 was or could have been determined disqualified under subdivision (1)(b)
- 5 of section 48-628.
- 6 (3) For purposes of determining the reduction of benefits described
- 7 in subsection (2) of this section:
- 8 (a) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment
- 9 under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been
- 10 <u>determined disqualified under subdivision (1)(b) of section 48-628, his</u>
- or her total benefit amount shall be reduced by:
- 12 (i) Two times his or her weekly benefit amount if he or she left
- 13 work voluntarily for the sole purpose of accepting previously secured,
- 14 permanent, full-time, insured work, which he or she does accept, which
- 15 offers a reasonable expectation of betterment of wages or working
- 16 conditions, or both, and for which he or she earns wages payable to him
- 17 or her; or
- 18 (ii) Thirteen times his or her weekly benefit amount if he or she
- 19 <u>left work voluntarily without good cause for any reason other than that</u>
- 20 <u>described in subdivision (3)(a)(i) of this section.</u>
- 21 (b) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment
- 22 under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been
- 23 determined disqualified under subdivision (2) of section 48-628, his or
- 24 her total benefit amount shall be reduced by fourteen times his or her
- 25 weekly benefit amount.
- 26 (4) For purposes of sections 48-623 to 48-626, wages shall be
- 27 counted as wages for insured work for benefit purposes with respect to
- 28 any benefit year only if such benefit year begins subsequent to the date
- 29 on which the employer by whom such wages were paid has satisfied the
- 30 conditions of section 48-603 or subsection (3) of section 48-661 with
- 31 respect to becoming an employer.

- 1 (5) In order to determine the benefits due under this section and
- 2 sections 48-624 and 48-625, each employer shall make reports, in
- 3 conformity with reasonable rules and regulations adopted by the
- 4 commissioner, of the wages of any claimant. If any such employer <u>fails</u>
- 5 shall fail to make such report within the time prescribed, the
- 6 commissioner may accept the statement of such claimant as to his or her
- 7 wages, and any benefit payments based on such statement of earnings, in
- 8 the absence of fraud or collusion, will be final as to amount.
- 9 Sec. 2. Section 48-627, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 10 amended to read:
- 11 48-627 An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive
- 12 benefits with respect to any week, only if the Commissioner of Labor
- 13 finds:
- 14 (1) He or she has registered for work at, and thereafter continued
- 15 to report at, an employment office in accordance with such rules and
- 16 regulations as the commissioner may prescribe, except that the
- 17 commissioner may, by rule and regulation, waive or alter either or both
- 18 of the requirements of this subdivision as to individuals attached to
- 19 regular jobs and as to such other types of cases or situations, with
- 20 respect to which he or she finds that compliance with such requirements,
- 21 would be oppressive, or would be inconsistent with the purposes of the
- 22 Employment Security Law, except that no such rule or regulation shall
- 23 conflict with section 48-623;
- 24 (2) He or she has made a claim for benefits, in accordance with
- 25 section 48-629;
- 26 (3) He or she is able to work and is available for work. No
- 27 individual, who is otherwise eligible, shall be deemed ineligible, or
- 28 unavailable for work, because he or she is on vacation without pay during
- 29 such week, if such vacation is not the result of his or her own action as
- 30 distinguished from any collective action by a collective-bargaining agent
- 31 or other action beyond his or her individual control, and regardless of

whether he or she has not been notified of the vacation at the time of 1 2 his or her hiring. An individual who is otherwise eligible shall not be deemed unavailable for work or failing to engage in an active work search 3 4 solely because such individual is seeking part-time work if the majority 5 of the weeks of work in an individual's base period include part-time work. For purposes of this subdivision, seeking only part-time work shall 6 7 mean seeking less than full-time work having comparable hours to the individual's part-time work in the base period, except that the 8 9 individual must be available for work at least twenty hours per week. Receipt of a non-service-connected total disability pension by a veteran 10 at the age of sixty-five or more shall not of itself bar the veteran from 11 benefits as not able to work. An otherwise eligible individual while 12 engaged in a training course approved for him or her by the commissioner 13 shall be considered available for work for the purposes of this section. 14 An inmate in a penal or custodial institution shall be considered 15 unavailable for work for purposes of this section; 16

17 (4) He or she has been unemployed for a waiting period of one week. No week shall be counted as a week of unemployment for the purpose of 18 this subdivision (a) unless it occurs within the benefit year, which 19 includes the week with respect to which he or she claims payment of 20 benefits, (b) if benefits have been paid with respect thereto, or (c) 21 unless the individual was eligible for benefits with respect thereto, as 22 provided in sections 48-627 and 48-628, except for the requirements of 23 24 this subdivision and of subdivision (6) of section 48-628;

(5)(a) For any benefit year beginning on or after January 1, 2006, he or she has, within his or her base period, been paid a total sum of wages for employment by employers equal to not less than two thousand five hundred dollars, of which sum at least eight hundred dollars has been paid in each of two quarters in his or her base period, and subsequent to filing the claim which establishes the previous benefit year, the individual has earned wages in insured work of at least six

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1 times his or her weekly benefit amount for the previous benefit year.

(b) For any benefit year beginning on or after July 1, 2011, he or 2 3 she has (i) within his or her base period, been paid a total sum of wages 4 for employment by employers equal to not less than three thousand seven 5 hundred seventy dollars, of which sum at least one thousand eight hundred fifty dollars has been paid in one quarter in his or her base period and 6 eight hundred dollars has been paid in a second quarter of his or her 7 base period, and (ii) subsequent to filing the claim which establishes 8 the previous benefit year, earned wages in insured work of at least six 9 times his or her weekly benefit amount for the previous benefit year. 10 Commencing January 1, 2012, and each January 1 thereafter, the amount 11 which an individual is required to earn within his or her base period 12 shall be adjusted annually. The adjusted amount shall be equal to the 13 then current amount adjusted by the cumulative percentage change in the 14 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Federal 15 16 Bureau of Labor Statistics for the one-year period ending on the previous September 30. If such adjusted amount is not a whole dollar amount, the 17 adjusted amount shall be rounded down to the nearest whole dollar amount. 18

(c) For the purposes of this subdivision (5), (i) for the determination of monetary eligibility, wages paid within a base period shall not include wages from any calendar quarter previously used to establish a valid claim for benefits, (ii) wages shall be counted as wages for insured work for benefit purposes with respect to any benefit year only if such benefit year begins subsequent to the date on which the employer, by whom such wages were paid, has satisfied the conditions of section 48-603 or subsection (3) of section 48-661, with respect to becoming an employer, and (iii) with respect to weeks of unemployment beginning on or after January 1, 1978, wages for insured work for benefit purposes with respect to any benefit year shall include wages paid for services as defined by subdivision (4)(a), (b), (c), or (d) of section 48-604 to the extent that such services were not services in employment

- 1 under subdivision (4)(a) of section 48-604 or section 48-661 immediately
- 2 prior to September 2, 1977, even though the employer by whom such wages
- 3 were paid had not satisfied the conditions of subdivision (8), (9), (10),
- 4 or (11) of section 48-603 with respect to becoming an employer at the
- 5 time such wages were paid except to the extent that assistance under
- 6 Title II of the federal Emergency Jobs and Unemployment Assistance Act of
- 7 1974 was paid on the basis of such services; and
- 8 (6) He or she is participating in reemployment services at no cost
- 9 to such individual as directed by the commissioner, such as job search
- 10 assistance services, if the individual has been determined to be likely
- 11 to exhaust regular benefits and to need reemployment services pursuant to
- 12 a profiling system established by rule and regulation of the commissioner
- 13 which is in compliance with section 303(j)(1) of the federal Social
- 14 Security Act, unless the commissioner determines that: (a) The individual
- 15 has completed such services; or (b) there is justifiable cause for the
- 16 claimant's failure to participate in such services.
- 17 Sec. 3. Section 48-628, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 18 amended to read:
- 19 48-628 An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:
- 20 (1)(a) For any benefit year beginning before October 1, 2018:
- 21 (i) For the week in which he or she has left work voluntarily
- 22 without good cause, if so found by the commissioner, and for the thirteen
- 23 weeks which immediately follow such week. A temporary employee of a
- 24 temporary help firm has left work voluntarily without good cause if the
- 25 temporary employee does not contact the temporary help firm for
- 26 reassignment upon completion of an assignment and the temporary employee
- 27 has been advised by the temporary help firm of his or her obligation to
- 28 contact the temporary help firm upon completion of assignments and has
- 29 been advised by the temporary help firm that the temporary employee may
- 30 be denied benefits for failure to do so; or
- 31 (ii) (b) For the week in which he or she has left work voluntarily

- 1 for the sole purpose of accepting previously secured, permanent, full-
- 2 time, insured work, which he or she does accept, which offers a
- 3 reasonable expectation of betterment of wages or working conditions, or
- 4 both, and for which he or she earns wages payable to him or her, if so
- 5 found by the commissioner, and for the two weeks which immediately follow
- 6 such week; or
- 7 (b) For any benefit year beginning on or after October 1, 2018, for
- 8 the week in which he or she has left work voluntarily without good cause,
- 9 <u>if so found by the commissioner, and for all subsequent weeks until the</u>
- 10 individual has earned wages in insured work in an amount of at least four
- 11 times his or her weekly benefit amount and has separated from the most
- 12 recent subsequent employment under nondisqualifying conditions. A
- 13 temporary employee of a temporary help firm has left work voluntarily
- 14 without good cause if the temporary employee does not contact the
- 15 <u>temporary help firm for reassignment upon completion of an assignment and</u>
- the temporary employee has been advised by the temporary help firm of his
- 17 or her obligation to contact the temporary help firm upon completion of
- 18 <u>assignments and has been advised by the temporary help firm</u> that the
- 19 temporary employee may be denied benefits for failure to do so;
- 20 (2) For the week in which he or she has been discharged for
- 21 misconduct connected with his or her work, if so found by the
- 22 commissioner, and for the fourteen weeks which immediately follow such
- 23 week. If the commissioner finds that such individual's misconduct was
- 24 gross, flagrant, and willful, or was unlawful, the commissioner shall
- 25 totally disqualify such individual from receiving benefits with respect
- 26 to wage credits earned prior to discharge for such misconduct. In
- 27 addition to the fourteen-week benefit disqualification assessed under
- 28 this subdivision, the commissioner shall cancel all wage credits earned
- 29 as a result of employment with the discharging employer if the
- 30 commissioner finds that the individual was discharged for misconduct in
- 31 connection with the work which was not gross, flagrant, and willful or

- 1 unlawful but which included being under the influence of any intoxicating
- 2 beverage or being under the influence of any controlled substance listed
- 3 in section 28-405 not prescribed by a physician licensed to practice
- 4 medicine or surgery when the individual is so under the influence on the
- 5 worksite or while engaged in work for the employer;
- 6 (3)(a) For any week of unemployment in which he or she has failed,
- 7 without good cause, to apply for available, suitable work when so
- 8 directed by the employment office or the commissioner, to accept suitable
- 9 work offered him or her, or to return to his or her customary self-
- 10 employment, if any, and the commissioner so finds, and for the twelve
- 11 weeks which immediately follow such week, and his or her total benefit
- 12 amount to which he or she is then entitled shall be reduced by an amount
- 13 equal to the number of weeks for which he or she has been disqualified by
- 14 the commissioner.
- 15 (b) In determining whether or not any work is suitable for an
- 16 individual, the commissioner shall consider the degree of risk involved
- 17 to the individual's health, safety, and morals, his or her physical
- 18 fitness and prior training, his or her experience and prior earnings, his
- 19 or her length of unemployment and prospects for securing local work in
- 20 his or her customary occupation, and the distance of the available work
- 21 from his or her residence.
- 22 (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Employment Security
- 23 Law, no work shall be deemed suitable and benefits shall not be denied
- 24 under such law to any otherwise eligible individual for refusing to
- 25 accept new work under any of the following conditions: (i) If the
- 26 position offered is vacant due directly to a strike, lockout, or other
- 27 labor dispute; (ii) if the wages, hours, or other conditions of the work
- 28 offered are substantially less favorable to the individual than those
- 29 prevailing for similar work in the locality; or (iii) if, as a condition
- 30 of being employed, the individual would be required to join a company
- 31 union or to resign from or refrain from joining any bona fide labor

- 1 organization.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions in subdivision (3) of this section, no otherwise eligible individual shall be denied benefits with respect to any week in which he or she is in training with the approval of the commissioner, by reason of the application of the provisions in subdivision (3) of this section relating to failure to apply for or a refusal to accept suitable work.
- 8 (e) No individual shall be disqualified for refusing to apply for 9 available, full-time work or accept full-time work under subdivision (3) (a) of this section solely because such individual is seeking part-time 10 work if the majority of the weeks of work in an individual's base period 11 include part-time work. For purposes of this subdivision, seeking only 12 part-time work shall mean seeking less than full-time work having 13 comparable hours to the individual's part-time work in the base period, 14 except that the individual must be available for work at least twenty 15 hours per week; 16
- (4) For any week with respect to which the commissioner finds that 17 his or her total unemployment is due to a stoppage of work which exists 18 because of a labor dispute at the factory, establishment, or other 19 premises at which he or she is or was last employed, except that this 20 subdivision shall not apply if it is shown to the satisfaction of the 21 commissioner that (a) the individual is not participating in, financing, 22 or directly interested in the labor dispute which caused the stoppage of 23 24 work and (b) he or she does not belong to a grade or class of workers of 25 which, immediately before the commencement of the stoppage, there were members employed at the premises at which the stoppage occurs, any of 26 whom are participating, financing, or directly interested in the dispute. 27 28 If in any case, separate branches of work, which are commonly conducted as separate businesses in separate premises, are conducted in separate 29 departments of the same premises, each such department shall, for the 30 purposes of this subdivision, be deemed to be a separate factory, 31

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1 establishment, or other premises;

- 2 (5) For any week with respect to which he or she is receiving or has received remuneration in the form of (a) wages in lieu of notice, or a 3 4 dismissal or separation allowance, (b) compensation for temporary 5 disability under the workers' compensation law of any state or under a similar law of the United States, (c) retirement or retired pay, pension, 6 7 annuity, or other similar periodic payment under a plan maintained or contributed to by a base period or chargeable employer, or (d) a gratuity 8 9 or bonus from an employer, paid after termination of employment, on account of prior length of service, or disability not compensated under 10 the workers' compensation law. Such payments made in lump sums shall be 11 prorated in an amount which is reasonably attributable to such week. If 12 the prorated remuneration is less than the benefits which would otherwise 13 14 be due, he or she shall be entitled to receive for such week, if otherwise eligible, benefits reduced by the amount of such remuneration. 15 16 The prorated remuneration shall be considered wages for the quarter to Military 17 it is attributable. service-connected disability compensation payable under 38 U.S.C. chapter 11 and primary insurance 18 benefits payable under Title II of the Social Security Act, as amended, 19 or similar payments under any act of Congress shall not be deemed to be 20 disqualifying or deductible from the benefit amount. No deduction shall 21 be made for the part of any retirement pension which represents return of 22 23 payments made by the individual. In the case of a transfer by an 24 individual or his or her employer of an amount from one retirement plan to a second qualified retirement plan under the Internal Revenue Code, 25 the amount transferred shall not be deemed to be received by the claimant 26 until actually paid from the second retirement plan to the claimant. No 27 28 deduction shall be made for any benefit received under a supplemental unemployment benefit plan described in subdivision (29)(g) of section 29 48-602; 30
 - (6) For any week with respect to which or a part of which he or she

- 1 has received or is seeking unemployment benefits under an unemployment
- 2 compensation law of any other state or of the United States, except that
- 3 if the appropriate agency of such other state or of the United States
- 4 finally determines that he or she is not entitled to such unemployment
- 5 benefits, this disqualification shall not apply;
- 6 (7) For any week of unemployment if such individual is a student.
- 7 For the purpose of this subdivision, student shall mean an individual
- 8 registered for full attendance at and regularly attending an established
- 9 school, college, or university, unless the major portion of his or her
- 10 wages for insured work during his or her base period was for services
- 11 performed while attending school, except that attendance for training
- 12 purposes under a plan approved by the commissioner for such individual
- 13 shall not be disqualifying;
- 14 (8) For any week of unemployment if benefits claimed are based on
- 15 services performed:
- 16 (a) In an instructional, research, or principal administrative
- 17 capacity for an educational institution, if such week commences during
- 18 the period between two successive academic years or terms, or when an
- 19 agreement provides instead for a similar period between two regular, but
- 20 not successive, terms during such period, if such individual performs
- 21 such services in the first of such academic years or terms and if there
- 22 is a contract or reasonable assurance that such individual will perform
- 23 services in any such capacity for any educational institution in the
- 24 second of such academic years or terms;
- (b) In any other capacity for an educational institution, if such
- 26 week commences during a period between two successive academic years or
- 27 terms, if such individual performs such services in the first of such
- 28 academic years or terms, and if there is a reasonable assurance that such
- 29 individual will perform such services in the second of such academic
- 30 years or terms, except that if benefits are denied to any individual for
- 31 any week under subdivision (8)(b) of this section and such individual was

- 1 not offered an opportunity to perform such services for the educational
- 2 institution for the second of such academic years or terms, such
- 3 individual shall be entitled to a retroactive payment of the benefits for
- 4 each week for which the individual filed a timely claim for benefits and
- 5 for which benefits were denied solely by reason of subdivision (8)(b) of
- 6 this section;
- 7 (c) In any capacity described in subdivision (8)(a) or (b) of this
- 8 section if such week commences during an established and customary
- 9 vacation period or holiday recess if such individual performs such
- 10 services in the period immediately before such vacation period or holiday
- 11 recess, and there is a reasonable assurance that such individual will
- 12 perform such services in the period immediately following such vacation
- 13 period or holiday recess;
- 14 (d) In any capacity described in subdivision (8)(a) or (b) of this
- 15 section in an educational institution while in the employ of an
- 16 educational service agency, and such individual shall be disqualified as
- 17 specified in subdivisions (8)(a), (b), and (c) of this section. As used
- in this subdivision, educational service agency shall mean a governmental
- 19 agency or governmental entity which is established and operated
- 20 exclusively for the purpose of providing services to one or more
- 21 educational institutions; and
- 22 (e) In any capacity described in subdivision (8)(a) or (b) of this
- 23 section in an educational institution if such services are provided to or
- 24 on behalf of the educational institution while in the employ of an
- 25 organization or entity described in section 3306(c)(7) or 3306(c)(8) of
- 26 the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, 26 U.S.C. 3306(c)(7) or (8), and such
- 27 individual shall be disqualified as specified in subdivisions (8)(a),
- 28 (b), and (c) of this section;
- 29 (9) For any week of unemployment benefits if substantially all the
- 30 services upon which such benefits are based consist of participating in
- 31 sports or athletic events or training or preparing to so participate, if

1 such week of unemployment begins during the period between two successive

2 sport seasons or similar periods, if such individual performed such

3 services in the first of such seasons or similar periods, and if there is

4 a reasonable assurance that such individual will perform such services in

5 the later of such seasons or similar periods;

- (10) For any week of unemployment benefits if the services upon 6 7 which such benefits are based are performed by an alien unless such alien is an individual who was lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the 8 9 time such services were performed, was lawfully present for purposes of performing such services, or was permanently residing in the United 10 States under color of law at the time such services were performed, 11 including an alien who was lawfully present in the United States as a 12 result of the application of section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and 13 14 Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5). Any data or information required of individuals applying for benefits to determine whether benefits are not 15 payable to them because of their alien status shall be uniformly required 16 from all applicants for benefits. In the case of an individual whose 17 application for benefits would otherwise be approved, no determination 18 19 that benefits to such individual are not payable because of his or her alien status shall be made except upon a preponderance of the evidence; 20
- (11) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Employment Security 21 Law, no otherwise eligible individual shall be denied benefits for any 22 23 week because he or she is in training approved under section 236(a)(1) of the federal Trade Act of 1974, 19 U.S.C. 2296(a)(1), nor shall such 24 25 individual be denied benefits by reason of leaving work to enter such training, if the work left is not suitable employment, or because of the 26 application to any such week in training of provisions of the Employment 27 28 Security Law, or any applicable federal unemployment compensation law, relating to availability for work, active search for work, or refusal to 29 accept work. For purposes of this subdivision, suitable employment shall 30 mean, with respect to an individual, work of a substantially equal or 31

- 1 higher skill level than the individual's past adversely affected
- 2 employment, as defined for purposes of the federal Trade Act of 1974, and
- 3 wages for such work at not less than eighty percent of the individual's
- 4 average weekly wage as determined for purposes of such act;
- 5 (12) For any week during which the individual is on a leave of
- 6 absence; and
- 7 (13) For any week of unemployment benefits or for waiting week
- 8 credit if he or she has been disqualified from the receipt of benefits
- 9 pursuant to section 48-663.01 two or more times in the five-year period
- 10 immediately prior to filing his or her most recent claim. This
- 11 subdivision shall not apply if the individual has repaid in full any
- 12 overpayments established in conjunction with the disqualifications
- 13 assessed under section 48-663.01 during that five-year period.
- 14 Sec. 4. Section 48-632, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 15 2016, is amended to read:
- 16 48-632 (1) Notice of a determination upon a claim shall be promptly
- 17 given to the claimant by delivery thereof <u>electronic notice</u> or by mailing
- 18 such notice to his or her last-known address. A claimant shall elect to
- 19 receive either electronic notice or mailed notice when he or she files a
- 20 <u>new claim or establishes a new benefit year. A claimant may change his or</u>
- 21 her election at any time. In addition, notice of any determination,
- 22 together with the reasons therefor, shall be promptly given in the same
- 23 manner to any employer from whom claimant received wages on or after the
- 24 first day of the base period for his or her most recent claim, and who
- 25 has indicated prior to the determination, in such manner as required by
- 26 rule and regulation of the commissioner, that such individual may be
- 27 ineligible or disqualified under any provision of the Employment Security
- 28 Law. An employer shall provide information to the department in respect
- 29 to the request for information within ten days after the mailing or
- 30 electronic transmission of a request.
- 31 (2) If the employer provided information pursuant to subsection (7)

- 1 of section 48-652 on the claim establishing the previous benefit year but
- 2 did not receive a determination because of no involvement of base period
- 3 wages and there are wages from that employer in the base period for the
- 4 most recent claim, the employer shall be provided the opportunity to
- 5 provide new information that such individual may be ineligible or
- 6 disqualified under any provision of the Employment Security Law on the
- 7 current claim. This subsection shall not apply to employers who did not
- 8 receive a determination because the separation was determined to result
- 9 from a lack of work.
- 10 (3) On or after October 1, 2012, if an employer fails to provide
- 11 information to the department within the time period specified in
- 12 subsection (1) of this section, the employer shall forfeit any appeal
- 13 rights otherwise available pursuant to section 48-634.
- 14 Sec. 5. Original sections 48-626, 48-627, and 48-628, Reissue
- 15 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-632, Revised Statutes
- 16 Cumulative Supplement, 2016, are repealed.