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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 544**

Introduced by Dover, 19.

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Committee: Business and Labor

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend
- 2 section 48-601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to disqualify
- 3 certain individuals from receiving benefits as prescribed; to
- 4 harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** Section 48-601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3           48-601 Sections 48-601 to 48-683 and section 2 of this act shall be  
4 known and may be cited as the Employment Security Law.

5           **Sec. 2.** (1) An individual shall be disqualified for benefits for  
6 any week in which he or she:

7           (a) Fails to respond to an offer for a job within two business days;  
8 or

9           (b) Fails to appear for a previously scheduled job interview without  
10 notifying the prospective employer of the need to cancel or reschedule  
11 the interview.

12           (2) The department shall establish a portal on its website, an email  
13 address, and a telephone hotline for employers to report individuals who  
14 fail to respond to offers of employment or who fail to appear for  
15 previously scheduled job interviews.

16           (3) Prior to denying a week of benefits to an individual pursuant to  
17 this section, the department shall verify any information submitted by an  
18 employer pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

19           **Sec. 3.** Original section 48-601, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
20 Nebraska, is repealed.