

**Department of Human Services
Ready to Work Registry**

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report on a ready to work registry.

A budget note directed the Department of Human Services to report on the “ready to work” registry required under HB 4151 (from the 2014 session). Along with other provisions related to elder abuse investigations, that bill directed the agency to implement a registry of persons working or seeking to work in elder care facilities by January 1, 2015.

As of April 23, 2015, there were 19,868 people listed on the registry, and employers had avoided 1,133 duplicative background checks by using the registry. The agency is continuing to work with stakeholders to improve the registry, evaluate its performance, and implement business tools.

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