

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 908**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gomez**

February 26, 2015

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An act to amend Section 316 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to unemployment insurance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 908, as introduced, Gomez. Unemployment insurance.

Existing unemployment insurance law requires all standard information pamphlets provided by the Employment Development Department concerning unemployment and disability insurance programs to be printed in English and the 7 other most commonly used languages among participants in each program. Existing law also requires the Employment Development Department to make pages on its Internet Web site that provide information regarding applying for, and receiving, unemployment insurance benefits available in the 7 languages, other than English, most commonly used by unemployment insurance applicants and claimants.

This bill would instead require that information and those pages to be printed and available in 10 languages other than English.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 316 of the Unemployment Insurance
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 316. (a) There shall be maintained within an appropriate  
2 division of the department, a bureau, section, or unit relating to  
3 education and public instruction for the purpose of informing  
4 employers and workers of their rights and responsibilities under  
5 this code, and of instructing the public generally concerning its  
6 basic purposes, provisions, and operations. All standard information  
7 employee pamphlets concerning unemployment and disability  
8 insurance programs shall be printed in English and the ~~seven~~ 10  
9 other most commonly used languages among participants in each  
10 program in such number as he or she may determine.

11 (b) The department shall make the pages on its Internet Web  
12 site that provide information regarding applying for, and receiving,  
13 unemployment insurance benefits available in the ~~seven~~ 10  
14 languages, other than English, most commonly used by  
15 unemployment insurance applicants and claimants.