

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-33

**FOR: ASSURING PRUDENT USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS BY
CONDUCTING DATA CROSS CHECKS OF UNEMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE CLAIMS**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 22-4-1-1 declares economic insecurity due to unemployment is “a serious menace to the health, morale, and welfare of the people of this state and to the maintenance of public order within this state”;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 22-4-1-1 tasks the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (“DWD”) with coordinating the State of Indiana’s response “against this great hazard of our economic life...by the required and systematic accumulation of funds during periods of employment to provide benefits to the unemployed during periods of unemployment and by encouragement of desirable stable employment”;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 22-4-1-1 instructs the DWD “to provide for payment of benefits to persons unemployed through no fault of their own, to encourage stabilization in employment, and to provide for integrated employment and training services in support of state economic development programs, and to provide maximum job training and employment opportunities for the unemployed, underemployed, the economically disadvantaged, dislocated workers, and others with substantial barriers to employment”;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 22-4-18-4 provides that DWD shall administer the State of Indiana’s unemployment insurance;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 4-3-26-10(1) tasks the Management Performance Hub (“MPH”) of the Office of Management and Budget with collecting, analyzing, and exchanging government information—including maintaining a program to make government information available to state agencies for the performance of their duties;

WHEREAS, the National Association of State Workforce Agencies manages the Multi-State Integrity Data Hub, which crossmatches data and provides analyses to detect and prevent unemployment insurance fraud and improper payments;

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana’s unemployment insurance program depends upon the required and systematic accumulation of funds from employed, hardworking taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, government policies must protect hardworking taxpayers by addressing waste, fraud, and abuse at every level of government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BRAUN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. DWD shall review its administration of the State of Indiana’s unemployment insurance program and implement all necessary and proper measures that enhance the integrity of the program, reduce the rate of inappropriate payments to ineligible applicants, and combat fraud. These measures shall include the following:
 - a. Verifying applicant eligibility through the use of state and federal new hire directories;

- b. Cross-checking applicant eligibility through state and federal incarceration records, state death records, and the Multi-State Integrity Data Hub;
 - c. Conducting additional review and investigation of claims filed from a single internet protocol address using a similar mailing address or bank account;
 - d. Ensuring claims made from out-of-state applicants are appropriately verified prior to approval and payment; and
 - e. Any other measures or methods the Commissioner of DWD deems effective and efficient in carrying out this directive.
2. MPH shall collaborate with DWD to develop data-crosschecking and data-analysis processes.
3. All state agencies are directed to cooperate with data requests from MPH to accomplish the purposes of this Executive Order.
4. DWD shall provide written, quarterly progress reports to the Governor until the directives in this Executive Order have been fully implemented. The reports shall include data evaluating the effectiveness of the efforts undertaken—including an estimation of the amount of improper payments prevented by those efforts.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I,
Mike Braun, have hereunto set my hand
and caused to be affixed the Great Seal
of the State of Indiana on this 27th day
of February, 2025.

Mike Braun

Mike Braun Governor of Indiana

DIEGO MORALES

ATTEST: Diego Morales
Secretary of State