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House Bill 5664 as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Andrew Fink

Committee: Oversight

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5664 would amend the Michigan Employment Security Act, which among other things allows the Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) or its duly authorized agents to examine or copy the books, records, and papers of an employing unit that relate to any requirement pertaining to the act.

The bill would provide that UIA or its agents could not require an employing unit to provide a book, record, or paper for examining or copying in a form other than the form in which that book, record, or paper exists at that time.

The bill also would make several editorial changes that are not substantive, such as replacing “commission” with “unemployment agency.”

MCL 421.9

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5664 may result in increased costs for the Unemployment Insurance Agency. UIA indicated that the bill would likely disrupt the agency’s process allowing audited employers to submit requested audit documents through a secure portal. This change would, in the agency’s interpretation, likely require auditors to travel to business locations across the state during audits, which would increase costs for staffing and travel by an indeterminate amount. The UIA also indicated that the bill may complicate employer overpayment determinations, due to differences in employer pay periods and the unemployment compensation benefit week.

POSITIONS:

A representative of the Unemployment Insurance Agency testified in opposition to the bill.
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