AN ACT concerning employment security; creating the unemployment compensation modernization and improvement council; providing for development of a new unemployment insurance information technology system; claimant tax information; website publication of trust fund data; maximum benefit period; charging of employer accounts for benefits paid; employer contribution rate determination and schedules; abolishing the employment security interest assessment fund; crediting employer accounts for fraudulent or erroneous payments; transferring moneys from the state general fund to the unemployment insurance trust fund for improper benefit payments; services performed by petroleum landmen; lessor employment unit employee leasing restrictions; relating to other unemployment trust fund provisions; shared work compensation program; amending K.S.A. 44-758 and K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 44-703, 44-704, 44-710, 44-710a, 44-710b and 44-757 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) (1) There is hereby created the unemployment compensation modernization and improvement council. The council shall consist of 11 members appointed as follows:

(A) Two members who, on account of their vocation, employment or affiliations, may be classed as representative of employers, to be selected by the workers compensation and employment security boards nominating committee established under K.S.A. 44-551, and amendments thereto, and appointed by the governor;

(B) two members who, on account of their vocation, employment or affiliation, may be classed as representative of employees, to be selected by the workers compensation and employment security boards nominating committee and appointed by the governor;

(C) the chairpersons of the standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives to which legislation pertaining to the employment security law is customarily referred, appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, respectively;

(D) two members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, one of whom is a member of the majority party and one of whom is a member of the minority party;
(2) checking of new hire records against the national directorate of new hires to verify eligibility;
(3) verification of immigration status or citizenship and confirmation of benefit applicant information through the systematic alien verification for entitlement program;
(4) comparison of applicant information to local, state and federal prison databases through incarceration cross-matches;
(5) detection of duplicate claims by applicants filed in other states or other unemployment insurance programs through utilization of the interstate connection network, interstate benefits cross-match, the state identification inquiry state claims and overpayment file and the interstate benefits 8606 application for overpayment recoveries for Kansas claims filed from a state other than Kansas;
(6) identification of internet protocol addresses linked to multiple claims or to claims filed outside of the United States; and
(7) use of data mining and data analytics to detect and prevent fraud when a claim is filed, and on an ongoing basis throughout the lifecycle of a claim, by using current and future functionalities to include suspicious actor repository, suspicious email domains, foreign internet protocol addresses, multi-state cross-match, identity verification, fraud alert systems and other assets provided by the unemployment insurance integrity center.
(f) The secretary, on a scheduled basis, shall cross check new and active unemployment insurance claims against the cross-check programs described in subsection (e). If the secretary receives information concerning an individual approved for benefits that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility, the secretary shall review the individual's case and act in accordance with the law.
(g) The department of labor shall have the authority to execute a memorandum of understanding with any department, agency or agency division for information required to be shared between agencies pursuant to the provisions of this act.
(h) The secretary of labor shall adopt rules and regulations necessary for the purposes of carrying out this act.
(i) The secretary of labor shall provide an annual status update and progress report regarding the requirements of this section to the unemployment compensation modernization and improvement council and the legislative coordinating council.
(j) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the employment security law.

New Sec. 3. (a) The secretary of labor shall include information on an unemployment insurance benefit claimant's initial notice of determination
Sec. 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.