

SENATE BILL 3518

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50,
Chapter 7, relative to the Tennessee Employment
Security Law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-301(c), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (5):

(5) If requested in writing by a claimant, the weekly benefit amount payable to the claimant shall be paid by direct deposit in an account at a financial institution selected by the claimant. With the written request, the claimant shall submit a void check which includes the bank routing numbers and the bank account number of the account selected by the claimant.

(6) If the benefits are paid by check:

(A) The social security number of the claimant shall be omitted from the check and the check stub or other document included in the envelope which contains the check; and

(B) If the claimant files a written report that the check was not received by the claimant or if the check has been stolen and the claimant was not negligent or responsible for the check being stolen, the administrator shall reissue such check to the claimant within five (5) months of the date of the original check.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.