

**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule**

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Under [IC 4-22-2-23](#), the Department of Workforce Development intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

**OVERVIEW:** Adds [646 IAC 5-9-3.1](#) concerning work search requirements and acceptable work search activities. Adds [646 IAC 5-9-3.2](#) concerning notification by the department of workforce development (department) regarding the requirement for claimants to be actively seeking work, and the work search activities the department will verify. Amends [646 IAC 5-9-5](#) regarding case-by-case determinations of suitable work, and to add a definition of "reasonable distance". Statutory authority: [IC 22-4-10-1](#); [IC 22-4-13.3-7](#); [IC 22-4-14-3](#); [IC 22-4-18-1](#); [IC 22-4.1-3-3](#).

For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Ombudsman designated by [IC 5-28-17-6](#) is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in [IC 5-28-17-6](#), specifically [IC 5-28-17-6\(9\)](#), investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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