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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3068:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility of certain job trainees for unemployment compensation training benefits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 207, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. TRAINING BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED  
IN CERTAIN TRAINING PROGRAMS

Sec. 207.121. ELIGIBILITY FOR TRAINING BENEFITS. (a)

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an individual is entitled to training benefits as provided by this subchapter if the individual:

(1) is unemployed due to a separation from a declining occupation or due to an involuntary and indefinite separation from employment resulting from a permanent reduction of operations at the individual's place of employment;

(2) has exhausted all regular benefits; and

(3) is enrolled in, and making satisfactory progress toward completion of, a commission-approved training program under Section 207.022 or a job training program under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. Section 2801 et seq.).

(b) To qualify for training benefits, an individual must enroll in a training program described by Subsection (a)(3) not later than the end of the benefit year applicable to the separation

1 described by Subsection (a)(1).

2 Sec. 207.122. DURATION AND AMOUNT OF TRAINING BENEFITS.

3 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an  
4 eligible individual under Section 207.121 is entitled to receive  
5 training benefits under this subchapter until the earlier of:

6 (1) the date the individual completes the training  
7 program; or

8 (2) the expiration of 26 additional benefit periods.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
10 the weekly amount of training benefits payable to an eligible  
11 individual under Section 207.121 is an amount equal to the  
12 individual's average weekly benefit amount for the most recent  
13 benefit year.

14 (c) Training benefits under this subchapter are payable for  
15 a period not to exceed one year after the expiration of a benefit  
16 year applicable to a separation described by Section 207.121(a)(1).

17 (d) The commission may adopt rules necessary to implement  
18 this subchapter.

19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
20 to a claim for unemployment compensation benefits filed with the  
21 Texas Workforce Commission on or after the effective date of this  
22 Act. A claim filed before the effective date of this Act is  
23 governed by the law in effect on the date the claim was filed, and  
24 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.