

1-1 By: Vo, Rodriguez of Travis H.B. No. 2034
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Ellis)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2013;
 1-4 April 25, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Economic Development; May 9, 2013, reported favorably by the
 1-6 following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 9, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to unemployment compensation eligibility and chargebacks
 1-19 regarding certain persons who leave work to attend training.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 204.022(e), Labor Code, is amended to
 1-22 read as follows:

1-23 (e) Benefits may not be charged to the account of an
 1-24 employer, regardless of whether the liability for the chargeback
 1-25 arises in the employee's current benefit year or in a subsequent
 1-26 benefit year, if the employee's last separation from the employer's
 1-27 employment before the employee's benefit year was or would have
 1-28 been excepted from disqualification under Section 207.023(b)(2) or
 1-29 207.045(j) [~~207.052(b)~~].

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 207.045, Labor Code, is amended by
 1-31 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

1-32 (j) An individual is not disqualified for benefits under
 1-33 this section if:

1-34 (1) the individual left the individual's last work to
 1-35 attend commission-approved training under Section 207.022; and

1-36 (2) the individual's last work did not constitute
 1-37 suitable work for the individual, as determined under Section
 1-38 207.008.

1-39 SECTION 3. Section 207.052, Labor Code, is repealed.

1-40 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-41 a claim for unemployment compensation benefits filed with the Texas
 1-42 Workforce Commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A
 1-43 claim filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
 1-44 law in effect on the date the claim was filed, and the former law is
 1-45 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-46 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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