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S.B. No. 844

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

(j) An individual is not disqualified for benefits under this section if:

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

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

SECTION 3. Section 207.052, Labor Code, is repealed.

SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to

1 a claim for unemployment compensation benefits filed with the Texas  
2 Workforce Commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
3 claim filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the  
4 law in effect on the date the claim was filed, and the former law is  
5 continued in effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.