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S.B. No. 844

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to unemployment compensation eligibility and chargebacks  
3 regarding certain persons who leave work to attend training.

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

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

7 (e) Benefits may not be charged to the account of an  
8 employer, regardless of whether the liability for the chargeback  
9 arises in the employee's current benefit year or in a subsequent  
10 benefit year, if the employee's last separation from the employer's  
11 employment before the employee's benefit year was or would have  
12 been excepted from disqualification under Section 207.023(b)(2) or  
13 207.045(j) [~~207.052(b)~~].

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

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

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

20 (2) the individual's last work did not constitute  
21 suitable work for the individual, as determined under Section  
22 207.008.

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 Section 207.052, Labor Code, is repealed.

24 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.