

1-1 By: Ellis S.B. No. 844
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 26, 2013; March 5, 2013,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Economic Development;
1-4 March 27, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4,
1-5 Nays 0; March 27, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to unemployment compensation eligibility and chargebacks
1-18 regarding certain persons who leave work to attend training.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subsection (e), Section 204.022, Labor Code, is
1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 (e) Benefits may not be charged to the account of an
1-23 employer, regardless of whether the liability for the chargeback
1-24 arises in the employee's current benefit year or in a subsequent
1-25 benefit year, if the employee's last separation from the employer's
1-26 employment before the employee's benefit year was or would have
1-27 been excepted from disqualification under Section 207.023(b)(2) or
1-28 207.045(j) [~~207.052(b)~~].

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 207.045, Labor Code, is amended by
1-30 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

1-31 (j) An individual is not disqualified for benefits under
1-32 this section if:

1-33 (1) the individual left the individual's last work to
1-34 attend commission-approved training under Section 207.022; and

1-35 (2) the individual's last work did not constitute
1-36 suitable work for the individual, as determined under Section
1-37 207.008.

1-38 SECTION 3. Section 207.052, Labor Code, is repealed.

1-39 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
1-40 a claim for unemployment compensation benefits filed with the Texas
1-41 Workforce Commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A
1-42 claim filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
1-43 law in effect on the date the claim was filed, and the former law is
1-44 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-45 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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