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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to methods by which a claimant may check the status of a
- 3 claim for unemployment compensation benefits filed with the Texas
- 4 Workforce Commission.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 208, Labor Code, is
- 7 amended by adding Section 208.005 to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 208.005. CLAIM STATUS INFORMATION. (a) The
- 9 commission shall ensure that a person who files a claim for benefits
- 10 is able to check the status of the person's claim through one or
- 11 more convenient telephonic or electronic methods. Each method must
- 12 provide the person with an option to submit the person's contact
- 13 information to the commission and receive a return phone call or
- 14 <u>e-mail response from the commission within a reasonable time</u>
- 15 regarding the status of the person's claim.
- 16 (b) The commission shall include in a prominent location on
- 17 the commission's Internet website detailed information regarding
- 18 the methods available to a claimant for checking the status of a
- 19 claim for benefits.
- 20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.