## **HOUSE BILL No. 4166**

February 1, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Ananich, Smiley, Tlaib, Santana, Stapleton, Durhal, Hovey-Wright, Stanley and Oakes and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act,"

by amending sections 27 and 28 (MCL 421.27 and 421.28), section 27 as amended by 2010 PA 322 and section 28 as amended by 1994 PA 422.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 27. (a) (1) When a determination, redetermination, or
- 2 decision is made that benefits are due an unemployed individual,
- 3 the benefits shall become payable from the fund and continue to be
- 4 payable to the unemployed individual, subject to the limitations
- 5 imposed by the individual's monetary entitlement, if the individual
- 6 continues to be unemployed and to file claims for benefits, until
- 7 the determination, redetermination, or decision is reversed, a
  - determination, redetermination, or decision on a new issue holding
- 9 the individual disqualified or ineligible is made, or, for benefit

- 1 years beginning before October 1, 2000, a new separation issue
- 2 arises resulting from subsequent work.
- 3 (2) Benefits shall be paid in person or by mail through
- 4 employment offices in accordance with rules promulgated by the
- 5 commission.
- 6 (b)(1) Subject to subsection (f), the weekly benefit rate for
- 7 an individual, with respect to benefit years beginning before
- 8 October 1, 2000, shall be 67% of the individual's average after tax
- 9 weekly wage, except that the individual's maximum weekly benefit
- 10 rate shall not exceed \$300.00. However, with respect to benefit
- 11 years beginning on or after October 1, 2000, the individual's
- 12 weekly benefit rate is 4.1% of the individual's wages paid in the
- 13 calendar quarter of the base period in which the individual was
- 14 paid the highest total wages, plus \$6.00 for each dependent as
- 15 defined in subdivision (4), up to a maximum of 5 dependents,
- 16 claimed by the individual at the time the individual files a new
- 17 claim for benefits, except that the individual's maximum weekly
- 18 benefit rate shall not exceed \$300.00 before April 26, 2002 and
- 19 \$362.00 for claims filed on and after April 26, 2002. The weekly
- 20 benefit rate for an individual claiming benefits on and after April
- 21 26, 2002 shall be recalculated subject to the \$362.00 maximum
- 22 weekly benefit rate. The unemployment agency shall establish the
- 23 procedures necessary to verify the number of dependents claimed. If
- 24 a person fraudulently claims a dependent, that person is subject to
- 25 the penalties set forth in sections 54 and 54c. For benefit years
- 26 beginning on or after October 2, 1983, the weekly benefit rate
- 27 shall be adjusted to the next lower multiple of \$1.00.

- 1 (2) For benefit years beginning before October 1, 2000, the
- 2 state average weekly wage for a calendar year shall be computed on
- 3 the basis of the 12 months ending the June 30 immediately before
- 4 that calendar year. The commission shall prepare a table of weekly
- 5 benefit rates based on an "average after tax weekly wage"
- 6 calculated by subtracting, from an individual's average weekly wage
- 7 as determined in accordance with section 51, a reasonable
- 8 approximation of the weekly amount required to be withheld by the
- 9 employer from the remuneration of the individual based on
- 10 dependents and exemptions for income taxes under 26 USC 3401 to
- 11 3406, and under section 351 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA
- 12 281, MCL 206.351, and for old age and survivor's disability
- 13 insurance taxes under the federal insurance contributions act, 26
- 14 USC 3101 to 3128. For purposes of applying the table to an
- 15 individual's claim, a dependent shall be as defined in subdivision
- 16 (3). The table applicable to an individual's claim shall be the
- 17 table reflecting the number of dependents claimed by the individual
- 18 under subdivision (3). The commission shall adjust the tables based
- 19 on changes in withholding schedules published by the United States
- 20 department of treasury, internal revenue service, and by the
- 21 department of treasury. The number of dependents allowed shall be
- 22 determined with respect to each week of unemployment for which an
- 23 individual is claiming benefits.
- 24 (3) For benefit years beginning before October 1, 2000, a
- 25 dependent means any of the following persons who is ARE receiving
- 26 and for at least 90 consecutive days immediately before the week
- 27 for which benefits are claimed, or, in the case of a dependent

- 1 husband, wife, or child, for the duration of the marital or
- 2 parental relationship, if the relationship has existed less than 90
- 3 days, has received more than half 1/2 the cost of his or her
- 4 support from the individual claiming benefits:
- 5 (a) A child, including stepchild, adopted child, or grandchild
- 6 of the individual who is under 18 years of age, or 18 years of age
- 7 or over if, because of physical or mental infirmity, the child is
- 8 unable to engage in a gainful occupation, or is a full-time student
- 9 as defined by the particular educational institution, at a high
- 10 school, vocational school, community or junior college, or college
- 11 or university and has not attained the age of 22.
- 12 (b) The husband or wife of the individual.
- 13 (c) The legal father or mother of the individual if that
- 14 parent is either more than 65 years of age or is permanently
- 15 disabled from engaging in a gainful occupation.
- 16 (d) A brother or sister of the individual if the brother or
- 17 sister is orphaned or the living parents are dependent parents of
- 18 an individual, and the brother or sister is under 18 years of age,
- 19 or 18 years of age or over if, because of physical or mental
- 20 infirmity, the brother or sister is unable to engage in a gainful
- 21 occupation, or is a full-time student as defined by the particular
- 22 educational institution, at a high school, vocational school,
- 23 community or junior college, or college or university and is less
- 24 than 22 years of age.
- 25 (4) For benefit years beginning on or after October 1, 2000, a
- 26 dependent means any of the following persons who received for at
- 27 least 90 consecutive days immediately before the first week of the

- 1 benefit year or, in the case of a dependent husband, wife, or
- 2 child, for the duration of the marital or parental relationship if
- 3 the relationship existed less than 90 days before the beginning of
- 4 the benefit year, has received more than 1/2 the cost of his or her
- 5 support from the individual claiming the benefits:
- 6 (a) A child, including stepchild, adopted child, or grandchild
- 7 of the individual who is under 18 years of age, or 18 years of age
- 8 and over if, because of physical or mental infirmity, the child is
- 9 unable to engage in a gainful occupation, or is a full-time student
- 10 as defined by the particular educational institution, at a high
- 11 school, vocational school, community or junior college, or college
- 12 or university and has not attained the age of 22.
- 13 (b) The husband or wife of the individual.
- 14 (c) The legal father or mother of the individual if that
- 15 parent is either more than 65 years of age or is permanently
- 16 disabled from engaging in a gainful occupation.
- 17 (d) A brother or sister of the individual if the brother or
- 18 sister is orphaned or the living parents are dependent parents of
- 19 an individual, and the brother or sister is under 18 years of age,
- 20 or 18 years of age and over if, because of physical or mental
- 21 infirmity, the brother or sister is unable to engage in a gainful
- 22 occupation, or is a full-time student as defined by the particular
- 23 educational institution, at a high school, vocational school,
- 24 community or junior college, or college or university and is less
- 25 than 22 years of age.
- 26 (5) For benefit years beginning before October 1, 2000,
- 27 dependency status of a dependent, child or otherwise, once

- 1 established or fixed in favor of an individual continues during the
- 2 individual's benefit year until terminated. Dependency status of a
- 3 dependent terminates at the end of the week in which the dependent
- 4 ceases to be an individual described in subdivision (3)(a), (b),
- 5 (c), or (d) because of age, death, or divorce. For benefit years
- 6 beginning on or after October 1, 2000, the number of dependents
- 7 established for an individual at the beginning of the benefit year
- 8 shall remain in effect during the entire benefit year.
- 9 (6) For benefit years beginning before October 1, 2000,
- 10 failure on the part of an individual, due to misinformation or lack
- 11 of information, to furnish all information material for
- 12 determination of the number of the individual's dependents when the
- 13 individual files a claim for benefits with respect to a week is
- 14 good cause to issue a redetermination as to the amount of benefits
- 15 based on the number of the individual's dependents as of the
- 16 beginning date of that week. Dependency status of a dependent,
- 17 child or otherwise, once established or fixed in favor of a person
- 18 is not transferable to or usable by another person with respect to
- 19 the same week.
- 20 For benefit years beginning on or after October 1, 2000,
- 21 failure on the part of an individual, due to misinformation or lack
- 22 of information, to furnish all information material for
- 23 determination of the number of the individual's dependents is good
- 24 cause to issue a redetermination as to the amount of benefits based
- on the number of the individual's dependents as of the beginning of
- 26 the benefit year.
- (c) Subject to subsection (f), all of the following apply to

- 1 eligible individuals:
- 2 (1) Each eligible individual shall be paid a weekly benefit
- 3 rate with respect to the week for which the individual earns or
- 4 receives no remuneration. Notwithstanding the definition of week in
- 5 section 50, if within 2 consecutive weeks in which an individual
- 6 was not unemployed within the meaning of section 48 there was a
- 7 period of 7 or more consecutive days for which the individual did
- 8 not earn or receive remuneration, that period shall be considered a
- 9 week for benefit purposes under this act if a claim for benefits
- 10 for that period is filed not later than 30 days after the end of
- 11 the period.
- 12 (2) Each eligible individual shall have his or her weekly
- 13 benefit rate reduced with respect to each week in which the
- 14 individual earns or receives remuneration at the rate of 50 cents
- 15 for each whole \$1.00 of remuneration earned or received during that
- 16 week.
- 17 (3) An individual who receives or earns partial remuneration
- 18 may not receive a total of benefits and earnings that exceeds 1-1/2
- 19 times his or her weekly benefit amount. For each dollar of total
- 20 benefits and earnings that exceeds 1-1/2 times the individual's
- 21 weekly benefit amount, benefits shall be reduced by \$1.00.
- 22 (4) If the reduction in a claimant's benefit rate for a week
- 23 in accordance with subdivision (2) or (3) results in a benefit rate
- 24 greater than zero for that week, the claimant's balance of weeks of
- 25 benefit payments shall be reduced by 1 week.
- 26 (5) All remuneration for work performed during a shift that
- 27 terminates on 1 day but that began on the preceding day shall be

- 1 considered to have been earned by the eligible individual on the
- 2 preceding day.
- 3 (d) For benefit years beginning before October 1, 2000, and
- 4 subject to subsection (f) and this subsection, the amount of
- 5 benefits to which an individual who is otherwise eligible is
- 6 entitled during a benefit year from an employer with respect to
- 7 employment during the base period is the amount obtained by
- 8 multiplying the weekly benefit rate with respect to that employment
- 9 by 3/4 of the number of credit weeks earned in the employment. For
- 10 the purpose of this subsection and section 20(c), if the resultant
- 11 product is not an even multiple of 1/2 the weekly benefit rate, the
- 12 product shall be raised to an amount equal to the next higher
- 13 multiple of 1/2 the weekly benefit rate, and, for an individual who
- 14 was employed by only 1 employer in the individual's base period and
- 15 earned 34 credit weeks with that employer, the product shall be
- 16 raised to the next higher multiple of the weekly benefit rate. The
- 17 maximum amount of benefits payable to an individual within a
- 18 benefit year, with respect to employment by an employer, shall not
- 19 exceed 26 times the weekly benefit rate with respect to that
- 20 employment. The maximum amount of benefits payable to an individual
- 21 within a benefit year shall not exceed the amount to which the
- 22 individual would be entitled for 26 weeks of unemployment in which
- 23 remuneration was not earned or received. The limitation of total
- 24 benefits set forth in this subsection does not apply to claimants
- 25 declared eligible for training benefits in accordance with
- 26 subsection (g). For benefit years beginning on or after October 1,
- 27 2000, and subject to subsection (f) and this subsection, the

- 1 maximum benefit amount payable to an individual in a benefit year
- 2 for purposes of this section and section 20(d) is the number of
- 3 weeks of benefits payable to an individual during the benefit year,
- 4 multiplied by the individual's weekly benefit rate. The number of
- 5 weeks of benefits payable to an individual shall be calculated by
- 6 taking 43% of the individual's base period wages and dividing the
- 7 result by the individual's weekly benefit rate. If the quotient is
- 8 not a whole or half number, the result shall be rounded down to the
- 9 nearest half number. However, not more than 26 weeks of benefits or
- 10 less than 14 weeks of benefits shall be payable to an individual in
- 11 a benefit year. The limitation of total benefits set forth in this
- 12 subsection does not apply to claimants declared eligible for
- 13 training benefits in accordance with subsection (g).
- 14 (e) When a claimant dies or is judicially declared insane or
- 15 mentally incompetent, unemployment compensation benefits accrued
- 16 and payable to that person for weeks of unemployment before death,
- 17 insanity, or incompetency, but not paid, shall become due and
- 18 payable to the person who is the legal heir or guardian of the
- 19 claimant or to any other person found by the commission to be
- 20 equitably entitled to the benefits by reason of having incurred
- 21 expense in behalf of the claimant for the claimant's burial or
- 22 other necessary expenses.
- (f) (1) For benefit years beginning before October 1, 2000, and
- 24 notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of this act, the weekly
- 25 benefit rate of each individual who is receiving or will receive a
- 26 "retirement benefit", as defined in subdivision (4), shall be
- 27 adjusted as provided in subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c). However,

- 1 an individual's extended benefit account and an individual's weekly
- 2 extended benefit rate under section 64 shall be established without
- 3 reduction under this subsection unless subdivision (5) is in
- 4 effect. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all other
- 5 provisions of this act continue to apply in connection with the
- 6 benefit claims of those retired persons.
- 7 (a) If and to the extent that unemployment benefits payable
- 8 under this act would be chargeable to an employer who has
- 9 contributed to the financing of a retirement plan under which the
- 10 claimant is receiving or will receive a retirement benefit yielding
- 11 a pro rata weekly amount equal to or larger than the claimant's
- 12 weekly benefit rate as otherwise established under this act, the
- 13 claimant shall not receive unemployment benefits that would be
- 14 chargeable to the employer under this act.
- 15 (b) If and to the extent that unemployment benefits payable
- 16 under this act would be chargeable to an employer who has
- 17 contributed to the financing of a retirement plan under which the
- 18 claimant is receiving or will receive a retirement benefit yielding
- 19 a pro rata weekly amount less than the claimant's weekly benefit
- 20 rate as otherwise established under this act, then the weekly
- 21 benefit rate otherwise payable to the claimant and chargeable to
- 22 the employer under this act shall be reduced by an amount equal to
- 23 the pro rata weekly amount, adjusted to the next lower multiple of
- 24 \$1.00, which the claimant is receiving or will receive as a
- 25 retirement benefit.
- (c) If the unemployment benefit payable under this act would
- 27 be chargeable to an employer who has not contributed to the

- 1 financing of a retirement plan under which the claimant is
- 2 receiving or will receive a retirement benefit, then the weekly
- 3 benefit rate of the claimant as otherwise established under this
- 4 act shall not be reduced due to receipt of a retirement benefit.
- 5 (d) If the unemployment benefit payable under this act is
- 6 computed on the basis of multiemployer credit weeks and a portion
- 7 of the benefit is allocable under section 20(e) to an employer who
- 8 has contributed to the financing of a retirement plan under which
- 9 the claimant is receiving or will receive a retirement benefit, the
- 10 adjustments required by subparagraph (a) or (b) apply only to that
- 11 portion of the weekly benefit rate that would otherwise be
- 12 allocable and chargeable to the employer.
- 13 (2) If an individual's weekly benefit rate under this act was
- 14 established before the period for which the individual first
- 15 receives a retirement benefit, any benefits received after a
- 16 retirement benefit becomes payable shall be determined in
- 17 accordance with the formula stated in this subsection.
- 18 (3) When necessary to assure prompt payment of benefits, the
- 19 commission shall determine the pro rata weekly amount yielded by an
- 20 individual's retirement benefit based on the best information
- 21 currently available to it. In the absence of fraud, a determination
- 22 shall not be reconsidered unless it is established that the
- 23 individual's actual retirement benefit in fact differs from the
- 24 amount determined by \$2.00 or more per week. The reconsideration
- 25 shall apply only to benefits as may be claimed after the
- 26 information on which the reconsideration is based was received by
- 27 the commission.

- 1 (4)(a) As used in this subsection, "retirement benefit" means
- 2 a benefit, annuity, or pension of any type or that part thereof
- 3 that is described in subparagraph (b) that is both:
- 4 (i) Provided as an incident of employment under an established
- 5 retirement plan, policy, or agreement, including federal social
- 6 security if subdivision (5) is in effect.
- 7 (ii) Payable to an individual because the individual has
- 8 qualified on the basis of attained age, length of service, or
- 9 disability, whether or not the individual retired or was retired
- 10 from employment. Amounts paid to individuals in the course of
- 11 liquidation of a private pension or retirement fund because of
- 12 termination of the business or of a plant or department of the
- 13 business of the employer involved are not retirement benefits.
- 14 (b) If a benefit as described in subparagraph (a) is payable
- 15 or paid to the individual under a plan to which the individual has
- 16 contributed:
- 17 (i) Less than  $\frac{\text{half}}{\text{los}}$  of the cost of the benefit, then only
- 18 half 1/2 of the benefit is treated as a retirement benefit.
- 19 (ii) Half-ONE-HALF or more of the cost of the benefit, then
- 20 none of the benefit is treated as a retirement benefit.
- 21 (c) The burden of establishing the extent of an individual's
- 22 contribution to the cost of his or her retirement benefit for the
- 23 purpose of subparagraph (b) is upon the employer who has
- 24 contributed to the plan under which a benefit is provided.
- 25 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection,
- 26 for any week that begins after March 31, 1980, and with respect to
- 27 which an individual is receiving a governmental or other pension

- 1 and claiming unemployment compensation, the weekly benefit amount
- 2 payable to the individual for those weeks shall be reduced, but not
- 3 below zero, by the entire prorated weekly amount of any
- 4 governmental or other pension, retirement or retired pay, annuity,
- 5 or any other similar payment that is based on any previous work of
- 6 the individual. This reduction shall be made only if it is required
- 7 as a condition for full tax credit against the tax imposed by the
- 8 federal unemployment tax act, 26 USC 3301 to 3311.
- 9 (6) For benefit years beginning on or after October 1, 2000,
- 10 notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of this act, the weekly
- 11 benefit rate of each individual who is receiving or will receive a
- 12 retirement benefit, as defined in subdivision (4), shall be
- 13 adjusted as provided in subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c). However,
- 14 an individual's extended benefit account and an individual's weekly
- 15 extended benefit rate under section 64 shall be established without
- 16 reduction under this subsection, unless subdivision (5) is in
- 17 effect. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all the
- 18 other provisions of this act apply to the benefit claims of those
- 19 retired persons. However, if the reduction would impair the full
- 20 tax credit against the tax imposed by the federal unemployment tax
- 21 act, 26 USC 3301 to 3311, unemployment benefits shall not be
- 22 reduced as provided in subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c) for receipt
- 23 of any governmental or other pension, retirement or retired pay,
- 24 annuity, or other similar payment that was not includable in the
- 25 gross income of the individual for the taxable year in which it was
- 26 received because it was a part of a rollover distribution.
- 27 (a) If any base period or chargeable employer has contributed

- 1 to the financing of a retirement plan under which the claimant is
- 2 receiving or will receive a retirement benefit yielding a pro rata
- 3 weekly amount equal to or larger than the claimant's weekly benefit
- 4 rate as otherwise established under this act, the claimant shall
- 5 not receive unemployment benefits.
- 6 (b) If any base period employer or chargeable employer has
- 7 contributed to the financing of a retirement plan under which the
- 8 claimant is receiving or will receive a retirement benefit yielding
- 9 a pro rata weekly amount less than the claimant's weekly benefit
- 10 rate as otherwise established under this act, then the weekly
- 11 benefit rate otherwise payable to the claimant shall be reduced by
- 12 an amount equal to the pro rata weekly amount, adjusted to the next
- 13 lower multiple of \$1.00, which the claimant is receiving or will
- 14 receive as a retirement benefit.
- 15 (c) If no base period or separating employer has contributed
- 16 to the financing of a retirement plan under which the claimant is
- 17 receiving or will receive a retirement benefit, then the weekly
- 18 benefit rate of the claimant as otherwise established under this
- 19 act shall not be reduced due to receipt of a retirement benefit.
- 20 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, FOR A
- 21 COMPENSABLE WEEK BEGINNING BEFORE 8 MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE
- 22 OF THE 2011 AMENDATORY ACT THAT AMENDED THIS SUBSECTION, an
- 23 individual pursuing vocational training or retraining pursuant to
- 24 section 28(2) who has exhausted all benefits available under
- 25 subsection (d) may be paid for each week of approved vocational
- 26 training pursued beyond the date of exhaustion a benefit amount in
- 27 accordance with subsection (c), but not in excess of the

- 1 individual's most recent weekly benefit rate. However, FOR A
- 2 COMPENSABLE WEEK BEGINNING BEFORE 8 MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE
- 3 OF THE 2011 AMENDATORY ACT THAT AMENDED THIS SUBSECTION, an
- 4 individual shall not be paid training benefits totaling more than
- 5 18 times the individual's most recent weekly benefit rate. FOR A
- 6 COMPENSABLE WEEK BEGINNING 8 MONTHS OR MORE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE
- 7 DATE OF THE 2011 AMENDATORY ACT THAT AMENDED THIS SUBSECTION, AN
- 8 UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SATISFACTORILY PURSUING VOCATIONAL
- 9 TRAINING OR RETRAINING PURSUANT TO SECTION 28(2) OR THE WORKFORCE
- 10 INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998, PUBLIC LAW 105-220, IN PREPARATION FOR
- 11 ENTRY INTO A HIGH-DEMAND OCCUPATION FOLLOWING SEPARATION FROM A
- 12 DECLINING OCCUPATION OR INVOLUNTARY AND INDEFINITE SEPARATION FROM
- 13 EMPLOYMENT IN WHICH PERMANENT OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN REDUCED, AND WHO
- 14 HAS EXHAUSTED ALL BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (D) SHALL BE
- 15 PAID FOR EACH WEEK OF PARTICIPATION IN APPROVED VOCATIONAL TRAINING
- 16 PURSUED BEYOND THE DATE OF EXHAUSTION A BENEFIT AMOUNT IN
- 17 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C), BUT NOT IN EXCESS OF THE
- 18 INDIVIDUAL'S MOST RECENT WEEKLY BENEFIT RATE. HOWEVER, FOR A
- 19 COMPENSABLE WEEK BEGINNING 8 MONTHS OR MORE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE
- 20 DATE OF THE 2011 AMENDATORY ACT THAT AMENDED THIS SUBSECTION, AN
- 21 INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT BE PAID TRAINING BENEFITS TOTALING MORE THAN
- 22 26 TIMES THE INDIVIDUAL'S MOST RECENT WEEKLY BENEFIT RATE. FOR A
- 23 COMPENSABLE WEEK BEGINNING 8 MONTHS OR MORE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE
- 24 DATE OF THE 2011 AMENDATORY ACT THAT AMENDED THIS SUBSECTION,
- 25 TRAINING BENEFITS ARE PAYABLE TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED UNDER FEDERAL
- 26 LAW ONLY AFTER AN INDIVIDUAL EXHAUSTS ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS
- 27 UNDER ANY FEDERAL PROGRAM OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION OR OF THE

- 1 FEDERAL-STATE EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACT OF 1970, TITLE
- 2 II OF PUBLIC LAW 91-373, CODIFIED AT 26 USC 3304 NT. FOR A
- 3 COMPENSABLE WEEK BEGINNING 8 MONTHS OR MORE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE
- 4 DATE OF THE 2011 AMENDATORY ACT THAT AMENDED THIS SUBSECTION,
- 5 TRAINING BENEFITS SHALL NOT BE PAID UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO AN
- 6 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS RECEIVING A SIMILAR STIPEND OR OTHER TRAINING
- 7 ALLOWANCE FOR NONTRAINING COSTS. AN OCCUPATION THAT IS A "HIGH
- 8 DEMAND OCCUPATION" OR THAT IS A "DECLINING OCCUPATION" FOR PURPOSES
- 9 OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BUREAU OF LABOR
- 10 MARKET INFORMATION AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
- 11 ENERGY, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. The expiration or termination
- 12 of a benefit year shall not stop or interrupt payment of training
- 13 benefits if the training for which the benefits were granted began
- 14 before expiration or termination of the benefit year.
- 15 (h) A payment of accrued unemployment benefits shall not be
- 16 made to an eligible individual or in behalf of that individual as
- 17 provided in subsection (e) more than 6 years after the ending date
- 18 of the benefit year covering the payment or 2 calendar years after
- 19 the calendar year in which there is final disposition of a
- 20 contested case, whichever is later.
- 21 (i) Benefits based on service in employment described in
- 22 section 42(8), (9), and (10) are payable in the same amount, on the
- 23 same terms, and subject to the same conditions as compensation
- 24 payable on the basis of other service subject to this act, except
- **25** that:
- 26 (1) With respect to service performed in an instructional,
- 27 research, or principal administrative capacity for an institution

- 1 of higher education as defined in section 53(2), or for an
- 2 educational institution other than an institution of higher
- 3 education as defined in section 53(3), benefits shall not be paid
- 4 to an individual based on those services for any week of
- 5 unemployment beginning after December 31, 1977 that commences
- 6 during the period between 2 successive academic years or during a
- 7 similar period between 2 regular terms, whether or not successive,
- 8 or during a period of paid sabbatical leave provided for in the
- 9 individual's contract, to an individual if the individual performs
- 10 the service in the first of the academic years or terms and if
- 11 there is a contract or a reasonable assurance that the individual
- 12 will perform service in an instructional, research, or principal
- 13 administrative capacity for an institution of higher education or
- 14 an educational institution other than an institution of higher
- 15 education in the second of the academic years or terms, whether or
- 16 not the terms are successive.
- 17 (2) With respect to service performed in other than an
- 18 instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity for
- 19 an institution of higher education as defined in section 53(2) or
- 20 for an educational institution other than an institution of higher
- 21 education as defined in section 53(3), benefits shall not be paid
- 22 based on those services for any week of unemployment beginning
- 23 after December 31, 1977 that commences during the period between 2
- 24 successive academic years or terms to any individual if that
- 25 individual performs the service in the first of the academic years
- 26 or terms and if there is a reasonable assurance that the individual
- 27 will perform the service for an institution of higher education or

- 1 an educational institution other than an institution of higher
- 2 education in the second of the academic years or terms.
- 3 (3) With respect to any service described in subdivision (1)
- 4 or (2), benefits shall not be paid to an individual based upon
- 5 service for any week of unemployment that commences during an
- 6 established and customary vacation period or holiday recess if the
- 7 individual performs the service in the period immediately before
- 8 the vacation period or holiday recess and there is a contract or
- 9 reasonable assurance that the individual will perform the service
- 10 in the period immediately following the vacation period or holiday
- 11 recess.
- 12 (4) If benefits are denied to an individual for any week
- 13 solely as a result of subdivision (2) and the individual was not
- 14 offered an opportunity to perform in the second academic year or
- 15 term the service for which reasonable assurance had been given, the
- 16 individual is entitled to a retroactive payment of benefits for
- 17 each week for which the individual had previously filed a timely
- 18 claim for benefits. An individual entitled to benefits under this
- 19 subdivision may apply for those benefits by mail in accordance with
- 20 R 421.210 of the Michigan administrative code as promulgated by the
- 21 commission.
- 22 (5) Benefits based upon services in other than an
- 23 instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity for
- 24 an institution of higher education shall not be denied for any week
- 25 of unemployment commencing during the period between 2 successive
- 26 academic years or terms solely because the individual had performed
- 27 the service in the first of the academic years or terms and there

- 1 is reasonable assurance that the individual will perform the
- 2 service for an institution of higher education or an educational
- 3 institution other than an institution of higher education in the
- 4 second of the academic years or terms, unless a denial is required
- 5 as a condition for full tax credit against the tax imposed by the
- 6 federal unemployment tax act, 26 USC 3301 to 3311.
- 7 (6) For benefit years established before October 1, 2000, and
- 8 notwithstanding subdivisions (1), (2), and (3), the denial of
- 9 benefits does not prevent an individual from completing
- 10 requalifying weeks in accordance with section 29(3) nor does the
- 11 denial prevent an individual from receiving benefits based on
- 12 service with an employer other than an educational institution for
- 13 any week of unemployment occurring between academic years or terms,
- 14 whether or not successive, or during an established and customary
- 15 vacation period or holiday recess, even though the employer is not
- 16 the most recent chargeable employer in the individual's base
- 17 period. However, in that case section 20(b) applies to the sequence
- 18 of benefit charging, except for the employment with the educational
- 19 institution, and section 50(b) applies to the calculation of credit
- 20 weeks. When a denial of benefits under subdivision (1) no longer
- 21 applies, benefits shall be charged in accordance with the normal
- 22 sequence of charging as provided in section 20(b).
- 23 (7) For benefit years beginning on or after October 1, 2000,
- 24 and notwithstanding subdivisions (1), (2), and (3), the denial of
- 25 benefits shall not prevent an individual from completing
- 26 requalifying weeks in accordance with section 29(3) nor shall the
- 27 denial prevent an individual from receiving benefits based on

- 1 service with another base period employer other than an educational
- 2 institution for any week of unemployment occurring between academic
- 3 years or terms, whether or not successive, or during an established
- 4 and customary vacation period or holiday recess. However, when
- 5 benefits are paid based on service with 1 or more base period
- 6 employers other than an educational institution, the individual's
- 7 weekly benefit rate shall be calculated in accordance with
- 8 subsection (b)(1) but during the denial period the individual's
- 9 weekly benefit payment shall be reduced by the portion of the
- 10 payment attributable to base period wages paid by an educational
- 11 institution and the account or experience account of the
- 12 educational institution shall not be charged for benefits payable
- 13 to the individual. When a denial of benefits under subdivision (1)
- 14 is no longer applicable, benefits shall be paid and charged on the
- 15 basis of base period wages with each of the base period employers
- 16 including the educational institution.
- 17 (8) For the purposes of this subsection, "academic year" means
- 18 that period, as defined by the educational institution, when
- 19 classes are in session for that length of time required for
- 20 students to receive sufficient instruction or earn sufficient
- 21 credit to complete academic requirements for a particular grade
- 22 level or to complete instruction in a noncredit course.
- 23 (9) In accordance with subdivisions (1), (2), and (3),
- 24 benefits for any week of unemployment shall be denied to an
- 25 individual who performed services described in subdivision (1),
- 26 (2), or (3) in an educational institution while in the employ of an
- 27 educational service agency. For the purpose of this subdivision,

- 1 "educational service agency" means a governmental agency or
- 2 governmental entity that is established and operated exclusively
- 3 for the purpose of providing the services to 1 or more educational
- 4 institutions.
- 5 (j) Benefits shall not be paid to an individual on the basis
- 6 of any base period services, substantially all of which consist of
- 7 participating in sports or athletic events or training or preparing
- 8 to participate, for a week that commences during the period between
- 9 2 successive sport seasons or similar periods if the individual
- 10 performed the services in the first of the seasons or similar
- 11 periods and there is a reasonable assurance that the individual
- 12 will perform the services in the later of the seasons or similar
- 13 periods.
- 14 (k) (1) Benefits are not payable on the basis of services
- 15 performed by an alien unless the alien is an individual who was
- 16 lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time the services
- 17 were performed, was lawfully present for the purpose of performing
- 18 the services, or was permanently residing in the United States
- 19 under color of law at the time the services were performed,
- 20 including an alien who was lawfully present in the United States
- 21 under section 212(d)(5) of the immigration and nationality act, 8
- 22 USC 1182.
- 23 (2) Any data or information required of individuals applying
- 24 for benefits to determine whether benefits are payable because of
- 25 their alien status are uniformly required from all applicants for
- 26 benefits.
- 27 (2) THE UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCY SHALL REQUIRE EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO

- 1 APPLIES FOR BENEFITS TO SUPPLY INFORMATION SUFFICIENT TO DETERMINE
- 2 CITIZENSHIP OR ALIEN STATUS ELIGIBILITY IN ACCORD WITH THE
- 3 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1137(D) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, 42 USC
- 4 1320B-7(D).
- 5 (3) If an individual's application for benefits would
- 6 otherwise be approved, a determination that benefits to that
- 7 individual are not payable because of the individual's alien status
- 8 shall not be made except upon a preponderance of the evidence.
- 9 (m) (1) An individual filing a new claim for unemployment
- 10 compensation under this act, at the time of filing the claim, shall
- 11 disclose whether the individual owes child support obligations as
- 12 defined in this subsection. If an individual discloses that he or
- 13 she owes child support obligations and is determined to be eligible
- 14 for unemployment compensation, the commission shall notify the
- 15 state or local child support enforcement agency enforcing the
- 16 obligation that the individual has been determined to be eligible
- 17 for unemployment compensation.
- 18 (2) Notwithstanding section 30, the commission shall deduct
- 19 and withhold from any unemployment compensation payable to an
- 20 individual who owes child support obligations by using whichever of
- 21 the following methods results in the greatest amount:
- 22 (a) The amount, if any, specified by the individual to be
- 23 deducted and withheld under this subdivision.
- 24 (b) The amount, if any, determined pursuant to an agreement
- 25 submitted to the commission under 42 USC 654(19)(b)(i), by the
- 26 state or local child support enforcement agency.
- (c) Any amount otherwise required to be deducted and withheld

- 1 from unemployment compensation by legal process, as that term is
- 2 defined in 42 USC 659(i)(5), properly served upon the commission.
- 3 (3) The amount of unemployment compensation subject to
- 4 deduction under subdivision (2) is that portion that remains
- 5 payable to the individual after application of the recoupment
- 6 provisions of section 62(a) and the reduction provisions of
- 7 subsections (c) and (f).
- **8** (4) Any amount deducted and withheld under subdivision (2)
- 9 shall be paid by the commission to the appropriate state or local
- 10 child support enforcement agency.
- 11 (5) Any amount deducted and withheld under subdivision (2)
- 12 shall be treated for all purposes as if it were paid to the
- 13 individual as unemployment compensation and paid by the individual
- 14 to the state or local child support enforcement agency in
- 15 satisfaction of the individual's child support obligations.
- 16 (6) Provisions concerning deductions under this subsection
- 17 apply only if the state or local child support enforcement agency
- 18 agrees in writing to reimburse and does reimburse the commission
- 19 for the administrative costs incurred by the commission under this
- 20 subsection that are attributable to child support obligations being
- 21 enforced by the state or local child support enforcement agency.
- 22 The administrative costs incurred shall be determined by the
- 23 commission. The commission, in its discretion, may require payment
- 24 of administrative costs in advance.
- 25 (7) As used in this subsection:
- 26 (a) "Unemployment compensation", for purposes of subdivisions
- 27 (1) to (5), means any compensation payable under this act,

- 1 including amounts payable by the commission pursuant to an
- 2 agreement under any federal law providing for compensation,
- 3 assistance, or allowances with respect to unemployment.
- 4 (b) "Child support obligations" includes only obligations that
- 5 are being enforced pursuant to a plan described in 42 USC 654 that
- 6 has been approved by the secretary of health and human services
- 7 under 42 USC 651 to 669b.
- 8 (c) "State or local child support enforcement agency" means
- 9 any agency of this state or a political subdivision of this state
- 10 operating pursuant to a plan described in subparagraph (b).
- 11 (n) Subsection (i) (2) applies to services performed by school
- 12 bus drivers employed by a private contributing employer holding a
- 13 contractual relationship with an educational institution, but only
- 14 if at least 75% of the individual's base period wages with that
- 15 employer are attributable to services performed as a school bus
- 16 driver.
- 17 (o) (1) For weeks of unemployment beginning after July 1, 1996,
- 18 unemployment benefits based on services by a seasonal worker
- 19 performed in seasonal employment are payable only for weeks of
- 20 unemployment that occur during the normal seasonal work period.
- 21 Benefits shall not be paid based on services performed in seasonal
- 22 employment for any week of unemployment beginning after March 28,
- 23 1996 that begins during the period between 2 successive normal
- 24 seasonal work periods to any individual if that individual performs
- 25 the service in the first of the normal seasonal work periods and if
- 26 there is a reasonable assurance that the individual will perform
- 27 the service for a seasonal employer in the second of the normal

- 1 seasonal work periods. If benefits are denied to an individual for
- 2 any week solely as a result of this subsection and the individual
- 3 is not offered an opportunity to perform in the second normal
- 4 seasonal work period for which reasonable assurance of employment
- 5 had been given, the individual is entitled to a retroactive payment
- 6 of benefits under this subsection for each week that the individual
- 7 previously filed a timely claim for benefits. An individual may
- 8 apply for any retroactive benefits under this subsection in
- 9 accordance with R 421.210 of the Michigan administrative code.
- 10 (2) Not less than 20 days before the estimated beginning date
- 11 of a normal seasonal work period, an employer may apply to the
- 12 commission in writing for designation as a seasonal employer. At
- 13 the time of application, the employer shall conspicuously display a
- 14 copy of the application on the employer's premises. Within 90 days
- 15 after receipt of the application, the commission shall determine if
- 16 the employer is a seasonal employer. A determination or
- 17 redetermination of the commission concerning the status of an
- 18 employer as a seasonal employer, or a decision of a referee or the
- 19 board of review, or of the courts of this state concerning the
- 20 status of an employer as a seasonal employer, which has become
- 21 final, together with the record thereof, may be introduced in any
- 22 proceeding involving a claim for benefits, and the facts found and
- 23 decision issued in the determination, redetermination, or decision
- 24 shall be conclusive unless substantial evidence to the contrary is
- 25 introduced by or on behalf of the claimant.
- 26 (3) If the employer is determined to be a seasonal employer,
- 27 the employer shall conspicuously display on its premises a notice

- 1 of the determination and the beginning and ending dates of the
- 2 employer's normal seasonal work periods. The notice shall be
- 3 furnished by the commission. The notice shall additionally specify
- 4 that an employee must timely apply for unemployment benefits at the
- 5 end of a first seasonal work period to preserve his or her right to
- 6 receive retroactive unemployment benefits if he or she is not
- 7 reemployed by the seasonal employer in the second of the normal
- 8 seasonal work periods.
- 9 (4) The commission may issue a determination terminating an
- 10 employer's status as a seasonal employer on the commission's own
- 11 motion for good cause, or upon the written request of the employer.
- 12 A termination determination under this subdivision terminates an
- 13 employer's status as a seasonal employer, and becomes effective on
- 14 the beginning date of the normal seasonal work period that would
- 15 have immediately followed the date the commission issues the
- 16 determination. A determination under this subdivision is subject to
- 17 review in the same manner and to the same extent as any other
- 18 determination under this act.
- 19 (5) An employer whose status as a seasonal employer is
- 20 terminated under subdivision (4) may not reapply for a seasonal
- 21 employer status determination until after a regularly recurring
- 22 normal seasonal work period has begun and ended.
- 23 (6) If a seasonal employer informs an employee who received
- 24 assurance of being rehired that, despite the assurance, the
- 25 employee will not be rehired at the beginning of the employer's
- 26 next normal seasonal work period, this subsection does not prevent
- 27 the employee from receiving unemployment benefits in the same

- 1 manner and to the same extent he or she would receive benefits
- 2 under this act from an employer who has not been determined to be a
- 3 seasonal employer.
- 4 (7) A successor of a seasonal employer is considered to be a
- 5 seasonal employer unless the successor provides the commission,
- 6 within 120 days after the transfer, with a written request for
- 7 termination of its status as a seasonal employer in accordance with
- 8 subdivision (4).
- 9 (8) At the time an employee is hired by a seasonal employer,
- 10 the employer shall notify the employee in writing if the employee
- 11 will be a seasonal worker. The employer shall provide the worker
- with written notice of any subsequent change in the employee's
- 13 status as a seasonal worker. If an employee of a seasonal employer
- 14 is denied benefits because that employee is a seasonal worker, the
- 15 employee may contest that designation in accordance with section
- **16** 32a.
- 17 (9) As used in this subsection:
- 18 (a) "Construction industry" means the work activity designated
- 19 in sector group 23 construction of the North American
- 20 classification system United States office of management and
- 21 budget, 1997 edition.
- (b) "Normal seasonal work period" means that period or those
- 23 periods of time determined under rules promulgated by the
- 24 commission during which an individual is employed in seasonal
- 25 employment.
- 26 (c) "Seasonal employment" means the employment of 1 or more
- 27 individuals primarily hired to perform services in an industry,

- 1 other than the construction industry, that does either of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (1) Customarily operates during regularly recurring periods of
- 4 26 weeks or less in any 52-consecutive-week period.
- 5 (2) Customarily employs at least 50% of its employees for
- 6 regularly recurring periods of 26 weeks or less within a period of
- 7 52 consecutive weeks.
- 8 (d) "Seasonal employer" means an employer, other than an
- 9 employer in the construction industry, who applies to the
- 10 commission for designation as a seasonal employer and who the
- 11 commission determines to be an employer whose operations and
- 12 business are substantially engaged in seasonal employment.
- (e) "Seasonal worker" means a worker who has been paid wages
- 14 by a seasonal employer for work performed only during the normal
- 15 seasonal work period.
- 16 (10) This subsection does not apply if the United States
- 17 department of labor finds it to be contrary to the federal
- 18 unemployment tax act, 26 USC 3301 to 3311, or the social security
- 19 act, chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, and if conformity with the federal
- 20 law is required as a condition for full tax credit against the tax
- 21 imposed under the federal unemployment tax act, 26 USC 3301 to
- 22 3311, or as a condition for receipt by the commission of federal
- 23 administrative grant funds under the social security act, chapter
- **24** 531, 49 Stat. 620.
- 25 (p) Benefits shall not be paid to an individual based upon his
- 26 or her services as a school crossing guard for any week of
- 27 unemployment that begins between 2 successive academic years or

- 1 terms, if that individual performs the services of a school
- 2 crossing guard in the first of the academic years or terms and has
- 3 a reasonable assurance that he or she will perform those services
- 4 in the second of the academic years or terms.
- 5 Sec. 28. (1) An unemployed individual shall be IS eligible to
- 6 receive benefits with respect to any week only if the commission
- 7 finds that:
- 8 (a) For benefit years established before the conversion date
- 9 prescribed in section 75 OCTOBER 1, 2000, the individual has
- 10 registered for work at and thereafter has continued to report at an
- 11 employment office in accordance with such THE rules as THAT the
- 12 commission may prescribe PRESCRIBES and is seeking work. The
- 13 requirements that the individual must report at an employment
- 14 office, must register for work, must be available to perform
- 15 suitable full-time work, and must seek work may be waived by the
- 16 commission if the individual is laid off and the employer who laid
- 17 the individual off notifies the commission in writing or by
- 18 computerized data exchange that the layoff is temporary and that
- 19 work is expected to be available for the individual within a
- 20 declared number of days, not to exceed 45 calendar days following
- 21 the last day the individual worked. This waiver shall not be IS NOT
- 22 effective unless the notification from the employer has been
- 23 received by the commission before the individual has completed his
- 24 or her first compensable week following layoff. If the individual
- 25 is not recalled within the specified period, the waiver shall cease
- 26 to be operative with respect to that layoff. Except for a period of
- 27 disqualification, the requirement that the individual shall—seek

- 1 work may be waived by the commission where IF it finds that
- 2 suitable work is unavailable both in the locality where the
- 3 individual resides and in those localities in which the individual
- 4 has earned base period credit weeks. This waiver shall DOES not
- 5 apply, for weeks of unemployment beginning on or after March 1,
- 6 1981, to a claimant enrolled and attending classes as a full-time
- 7 student. An individual shall have HAS satisfied the requirement of
- 8 personal reporting at an employment office, as applied to a week in
- 9 a period during which the requirements of registration and seeking
- 10 work have been waived by the commission pursuant to this
- 11 subdivision, if the individual has satisfied the personal reporting
- 12 requirement with respect to a preceding week in that period and the
- 13 individual has reported with respect to the week by mail in
- 14 accordance with the rules promulgated by the commission. For
- 15 benefit years established after the conversion date prescribed in
- 16 section 75 ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000 AND EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE
- 17 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, the individual has registered for work
- 18 and has continued to report in accordance with such THE rules as
- 19 the commission may prescribe PRESCRIBES and is seeking work. The
- 20 requirements that the individual must report, must register for
- 21 work, must be available to perform suitable full-time work, and
- 22 must seek work may be waived by the commission if the individual is
- 23 laid off and the employer who laid the individual off notifies the
- 24 commission in writing or by computerized data exchange that the
- 25 layoff is temporary and that work is expected to be available for
- 26 the individual within a declared number of days, not to exceed 45
- 27 calendar days following the last day the individual worked. This

- 1 waiver shall not be IS NOT effective unless the notification from
- 2 the employer has been received by the commission before the
- 3 individual has completed his or her first compensable week
- 4 following layoff. If the individual is not recalled within the
- 5 specified period, the waiver shall cease to be operative with
- 6 respect to that layoff. Except for a period of disqualification,
- 7 the requirement that the individual shall seek work may be waived
- 8 by the commission where IF it finds that suitable work is
- 9 unavailable both in the locality where the individual resides and
- 10 in those localities in which the individual has earned wages during
- 11 or after the base period. This waiver shall DOES not apply to a
- 12 claimant enrolled IN and attending classes as a full-time student.
- 13 An individual shall be IS considered to have satisfied the
- 14 requirement of personal reporting at an employment office, as
- 15 applied to a week in a period during which the requirements of
- 16 registration and seeking work have been waived by the commission
- 17 pursuant to this subdivision, if the individual has satisfied the
- 18 personal reporting requirement with respect to a preceding week in
- 19 that period and the individual has reported with respect to the
- 20 week by mail in accordance with the rules promulgated by the
- 21 commission.
- 22 (b) The individual has made a claim for benefits in accordance
- 23 with section 32 and has provided the commission with his or her
- 24 social security number.
- 25 (c) The individual is able and available to perform suitable
- 26 full-time work of a character which THAT the individual is
- 27 qualified to perform by past experience or training; —which is of

- 1 a character generally similar to work for which the individual has
- 2 previously received wages; and, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS
- 3 SECTION, for which the individual is available, full time, either
- 4 at a locality at which the individual earned wages for insured work
- 5 during his or her base period or at a locality where it is found by
- 6 the commission FINDS that such work is available.
- 7 (d) In the event of ON the death of an individual's immediate
- 8 family member, the eligibility requirements of availability and
- 9 reporting shall be waived for the day of the death and for 4
- 10 consecutive calendar days thereafter. As used in this subdivision,
- 11 "immediate family member" means a spouse, child, stepchild, adopted
- 12 child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother, or sister of the
- 13 individual or his or her spouse. It shall also include INCLUDES the
- 14 spouse of any of the persons specified in the previous sentence.
- 15 (e) The individual participates in reemployment services, such
- 16 as job search assistance services, if the individual has been
- 17 determined or redetermined by the commission to be likely to
- 18 exhaust regular benefits and need reemployment services pursuant to
- 19 a profiling system established by the commission.
- 20 (2) The commission may authorize an individual with an
- 21 unexpired benefit year to pursue vocational training or retraining
- 22 only if the commission finds that:
- 23 (a) Reasonable opportunities for employment in occupations for
- 24 which the individual is fitted by training and experience do not
- 25 exist in the locality in which the individual is claiming benefits.
- 26 (b) The vocational training course relates to an occupation or
- 27 skill for which there are, or are expected to be in the immediate

- 1 future, reasonable employment opportunities.
- 2 (c) The training course has been approved by a local advisory
- 3 council on which both management and labor are represented, or if
- 4 there is no local advisory council, by the commission.
- 5 (d) The individual has the required qualifications and
- 6 aptitudes to complete the course successfully.
- 7 (e) The vocational training course has been approved by the
- 8 state board of education and is maintained by a public or private
- 9 school or by the commission.
- 10 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, an
- 11 otherwise eligible individual shall not be ineligible for benefits
- 12 because he or she is participating in training with the approval of
- 13 the commission OR IN A JOB TRAINING PROGRAM AUTHORIZED UNDER THE
- 14 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998, PUBLIC LAW 105-220. For each week
- 15 that the commission finds that an individual who is claiming
- 16 benefits under this act and who is participating in training with
- 17 the approval of the commission, is satisfactorily pursuing an THE
- 18 approved course of vocational OR AUTHORIZED training, it shall
- 19 waive the requirements that he or she be available for work and be
- 20 seeking work as prescribed in subsection (1)(a) and (c), and it
- 21 shall find—IS good cause for his or her failure to apply for
- 22 suitable work, report to a former employer for an interview
- 23 concerning suitable work, or accept suitable work as required in
- 24 section 29(1)(c), (d), and (e).
- 25 (4) The waiver of the requirement that a claimant seek work,
- 26 as provided in subsection (1)(a), shall not be applicable DOES NOT
- 27 APPLY to weeks of unemployment for which the claimant is claiming

- 1 extended benefits if section 64(8)(a)(ii) 64(7)(A)(ii) is in effect,
- 2 unless the individual is participating in training approved by the
- 3 commission.
- 4 (5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, an
- 5 otherwise eligible individual shall not be denied benefits for any
- 6 week beginning after October 30, 1982 solely because the individual
- 7 is in training approved under section 236(a)(1) of the trade act of
- 8 1974, as amended, 19 <del>U.S.C.</del> **USC** 2296, nor shall the individual be
- 9 denied benefits by reason of leaving work to enter such THAT
- 10 training if the work left is not suitable employment. Furthermore,
- 11 an otherwise eligible individual shall not be denied benefits
- 12 because of the application to any such week in training of
- 13 provisions of this act, or any applicable federal unemployment
- 14 compensation law, relating to availability for work, active search
- 15 for work, or refusal to accept work. For purposes of this
- 16 subsection, "suitable employment" means, with respect to an
- 17 individual, work of a substantially equal or higher skill level
- 18 than the individual's past adversely affected employment, as
- 19 defined for purposes of the trade act of 1974, 19 U.S.C. USC 2101
- 20 to 2495, and wages for that work at not less than 80% of the
- 21 individual's average weekly wage as determined for the purposes of
- 22 the trade act of 1974.
- 23 (6) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ACT, FOR
- 24 BENEFIT YEARS BEGINNING AFTER JANUARY 1, 2012, IF A MAJORITY OF THE
- 25 WEEKS OF WORK IN AN INDIVIDUAL'S BASE PERIOD INCLUDE PART-TIME
- 26 WORK, AN OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT BE DENIED BENEFITS
- 27 FOR ANY WEEK SOLELY BECAUSE OF 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 (A) THE INDIVIDUAL IS AVAILABLE ONLY FOR PART-TIME WORK.
- 2 (B) THE INDIVIDUAL IS SEEKING ONLY PART-TIME WORK.
- 3 (C) THE INDIVIDUAL REFUSES AN OFFER OF FULL-TIME WORK.
- 4 (7) SUBSECTION (6) DOES NOT REMOVE THE DISQUALIFICATION FOR
- 5 BENEFITS THAT APPLIES UNDER SECTION 29(1) IF AN INDIVIDUAL
- 6 VOLUNTARILY LEAVES PART-TIME WORK.
- 7 (8) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, DURING AN INDIVIDUAL'S BASE
- 8 PERIOD "PART-TIME WORK" MEANS WORK THAT IS LESS THAN 40 HOURS IN A
- 9 CALENDAR WEEK. DURING AN INDIVIDUAL'S BENEFIT YEAR, "PART-TIME
- 10 WORK" MEANS WORK THAT IS NOT LESS THAN 16 HOURS BUT IS LESS THAN 40
- 11 HOURS IN A CALENDAR WEEK AND IS COMPARABLE IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS
- 12 IN A CALENDAR WEEK TO THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF WORK IN A MAJORITY OF
- 13 CALENDAR WEEKS OF WORK IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S BASE PERIOD.