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H. F. No. 677

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce and Business Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to unemployment; modifying the definition of reemployment assistance
1.3 training to allow additional training options; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020,
1.4 section 268.035, subdivision 21c.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.035, subdivision 21c, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 21c. Reemployment assistance training. (a) An applicant is in "reemployment
1.8 assistance training" when:

1.9 (1)(i) a reasonable opportunity for suitable employment for the applicant does not exist
1.10 in the labor market area and additional training will assist the applicant in obtaining suitable
1.11 employment;

1.12 (2)(ii) the curriculum, facilities, staff, and other essentials are adequate to achieve the
1.13 training objective;

1.14 (3)(iii) the training is vocational or short term academic training directed to an occupation
1.15 or skill that will substantially enhance the employment opportunities available to the applicant
1.16 in the applicant's labor market area;

1.17 (4)(iv) the training course is full time by the training provider; and

1.18 (5)(v) the applicant is making satisfactory progress in the training;

1.19 (2) the applicant can provide proof of enrollment in one or more programs offered by
1.20 an adult basic education consortium under section 124D.518. Programs may include but
1.21 are not limited to:

- 2.1 (i) general educational development diploma preparation;
- 2.2 (ii) local credit completion adult high school diploma preparation;
- 2.3 (iii) state competency-based adult high school diploma preparation;
- 2.4 (iv) basic skills enhancement training focused on math, functional literacy, reading, or
- 2.5 writing;
- 2.6 (v) computer skills training; or
- 2.7 (vi) English as a second language instruction;
- 2.8 (3) the applicant can provide proof of enrollment in an English as a second language
- 2.9 program taught by a licensed instructor;
- 2.10 (4) the applicant can provide proof of enrollment in an over-the-road truck driving
- 2.11 training program offered by a college or university within the Minnesota state system; or
- 2.12 (5) the applicant can provide proof of enrollment in a program funded under section
- 2.13 116L.99.
- 2.14 (b) Full-time training provided through the dislocated worker program, the Trade Act
- 2.15 of 1974, as amended, or the North American Free Trade Agreement is "reemployment
- 2.16 assistance training," if that training course is in accordance with the requirements of that
- 2.17 program.
- 2.18 (c) Apprenticeship training provided in order to meet the requirements of an
- 2.19 apprenticeship program under chapter 178 is "reemployment assistance training."
- 2.20 (d) An applicant is in reemployment assistance training only if the training course has
- 2.21 actually started or is scheduled to start within 30 calendar days.