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- 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.