

government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 181

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 4829]

DISLOCATED WORKERS—UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

AN ACT Relating to defining dislocated workers; amending section 12, chapter 3, Laws of 1971 and RCW 50.20.043; and adding a new section to chapter 50.04 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 50.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

"Dislocated worker" means any individual who:

(1) Has been terminated or received a notice of termination from employment;

(2) Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation benefits; and

(3) Is unlikely to return to employment in the individual's principal occupation or previous industry because of a diminishing demand for their skills in that occupation or industry.

Sec. 2. Section 12, chapter 3, Laws of 1971 and RCW 50.20.043 are each amended to read as follows:

No otherwise eligible individual shall be denied benefits for any week because ~~((he))~~ the individual is in training with the approval of the commissioner, nor shall such individual be denied benefits with respect to any week in which ~~((he))~~ the individual is in training with the approval of the commissioner by reason of the application of RCW 50.20.010(3) relating to availability for work and active search for work, or RCW 50.20.080 relating to failure to apply for, or refusal to accept suitable work.

An individual who the commissioner determines to be a dislocated worker as defined by section 1 of this 1984 act is eligible for benefits with respect to any week in which the individual is satisfactorily progressing in a training program approved by the commissioner.

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