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To amend section 4141.29 and to enact sections 1
4141.293 and 4141.302 of the Revised Code to allow 2
an individual to receive unemployment compensation 3
benefits for unemployment related to domestic 4
abuse or compelling family circumstances, to allow 5
an individual to receive unemployment training 6
extension benefits under specified conditions, and 7
to create the Unemployment Modernization Review 8
Task Force. 9

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4141.29 be amended and sections 10
4141.293 and 4141.302 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 11
follows: 12

Sec. 4141.29. Each eligible individual shall receive benefits 13
as compensation for loss of remuneration due to involuntary total 14
or partial unemployment in the amounts and subject to the 15
conditions stipulated in this chapter. 16

(A) No individual is entitled to a waiting period or benefits 17
for any week unless the individual: 18

(1) Has filed a valid application for determination of 19
benefit rights in accordance with section 4141.28 of the Revised 20

Code;	21
(2) Has made a claim for benefits in accordance with section 4141.28 of the Revised Code;	22 23
(3) Has registered at an employment office or other registration place maintained or designated by the director of job and family services. Registration shall be made in accordance with the time limits, frequency, and manner prescribed by the director.	24 25 26 27
(4)(a)(i) Is able to work and available for suitable work and, except as provided in division (A)(4)(a)(ii) of this section, is actively seeking suitable work either in a locality in which the individual has earned wages subject to this chapter during the individual's base period, or if the individual leaves that locality, then in a locality where suitable work normally is performed.	28 29 30 31 32 33 34
(ii) The director may waive the requirement that a claimant be actively seeking work when the director finds that the individual has been laid off and the employer who laid the individual off has notified the director within ten days after the layoff, that work is expected to be available for the individual within a specified number of days not to exceed forty-five calendar days following the last day the individual worked. In the event the individual is not recalled within the specified period, this waiver shall cease to be operative with respect to that layoff.	35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44
(b) The individual shall be instructed as to the efforts that the individual must make in the search for suitable work, except where the active search for work requirement has been waived under division (A)(4)(a) of this section, and shall keep a record of where and when the individual has sought work in complying with those instructions and, upon request, shall produce that record for examination by the director.	45 46 47 48 49 50 51

(c) An individual who is attending a training course approved 52
by the director meets the requirement of this division, if 53
attendance was recommended by the director and the individual is 54
regularly attending the course and is making satisfactory 55
progress. An individual also meets the requirements of this 56
division if the individual is participating and advancing in a 57
training program, as defined in division (P) of section 5709.61 of 58
the Revised Code, and if an enterprise, defined in division (B) of 59
section 5709.61 of the Revised Code, is paying all or part of the 60
cost of the individual's participation in the training program 61
with the intention of hiring the individual for employment as a 62
new employee, as defined in division (L) of section 5709.61 of the 63
Revised Code, for at least ninety days after the individual's 64
completion of the training program. 65

(d) An individual who becomes unemployed while attending a 66
regularly established school and whose base period qualifying 67
weeks were earned in whole or in part while attending that school, 68
meets the availability and active search for work requirements of 69
division (A)(4)(a) of this section if the individual regularly 70
attends the school during weeks with respect to which the 71
individual claims unemployment benefits and makes self available 72
on any shift of hours for suitable employment with the 73
individual's most recent employer or any other employer in the 74
individual's base period, or for any other suitable employment to 75
which the individual is directed, under this chapter. 76

(e) The director shall adopt any rules that the director 77
deems necessary for the administration of division (A)(4) of this 78
section. 79

(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, no 80
otherwise eligible individual shall be denied benefits for any 81
week because the individual is in training approved under section 82
236(a)(1) of the "Trade Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 1978, 19 U.S.C.A. 83

2296, nor shall that individual be denied benefits by reason of 84
leaving work to enter such training, provided the work left is not 85
suitable employment, or because of the application to any week in 86
training of provisions in this chapter, or any applicable federal 87
unemployment compensation law, relating to availability for work, 88
active search for work, or refusal to accept work. 89

For the purposes of division (A)(4)(f) of this section, 90
"suitable employment" means with respect to an individual, work of 91
a substantially equal or higher skill level than the individual's 92
past adversely affected employment, as defined for the purposes of 93
the "Trade Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 1978, 19 U.S.C.A. 2101, and 94
wages for such work at not less than eighty per cent of the 95
individual's average weekly wage as determined for the purposes of 96
that federal act. 97

(5) Is unable to obtain suitable work. An individual who is 98
provided temporary work assignments by the individual's employer 99
under agreed terms and conditions of employment, and who is 100
required pursuant to those terms and conditions to inquire with 101
the individual's employer for available work assignments upon the 102
conclusion of each work assignment, is not considered unable to 103
obtain suitable employment if suitable work assignments are 104
available with the employer but the individual fails to contact 105
the employer to inquire about work assignments. 106

(6) Participates in reemployment services, such as job search 107
assistance services, if the individual has been determined to be 108
likely to exhaust benefits under this chapter, including 109
compensation payable pursuant to 5 U.S.C.A. Chapter 85, other than 110
extended compensation, and needs reemployment services pursuant to 111
the profiling system established by the director under division 112
(K) of this section, unless the director determines that: 113

(a) The individual has completed such services; or 114

(b) There is justifiable cause for the claimant's failure to participate in such services. 115
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(B) An individual suffering total or partial unemployment is eligible for benefits for unemployment occurring subsequent to a waiting period of one week and no benefits shall be payable during this required waiting period. Not more than one week of waiting period shall be required of any individual in any benefit year in order to establish the individual's eligibility for total or partial unemployment benefits. 117
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(C) The waiting period for total or partial unemployment shall commence on the first day of the first week with respect to which the individual first files a claim for benefits at an employment office or other place of registration maintained or designated by the director or on the first day of the first week with respect to which the individual has otherwise filed a claim for benefits in accordance with the rules of the department of job and family services, provided such claim is allowed by the director. 124
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(D) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, no individual may serve a waiting period or be paid benefits under the following conditions: 133
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(1) For any week with respect to which the director finds that: 136
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(a) The individual's unemployment was due to a labor dispute other than a lockout at any factory, establishment, or other premises located in this or any other state and owned or operated by the employer by which the individual is or was last employed; and for so long as the individual's unemployment is due to such labor dispute. No individual shall be disqualified under this provision if either of the following applies: 138
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(i) The individual's employment was with such employer at any 145

factory, establishment, or premises located in this state, owned 146
or operated by such employer, other than the factory, 147
establishment, or premises at which the labor dispute exists, if 148
it is shown that the individual is not financing, participating 149
in, or directly interested in such labor dispute; 150

(ii) The individual's employment was with an employer not 151
involved in the labor dispute but whose place of business was 152
located within the same premises as the employer engaged in the 153
dispute, unless the individual's employer is a wholly owned 154
subsidiary of the employer engaged in the dispute, or unless the 155
individual actively participates in or voluntarily stops work 156
because of such dispute. If it is established that the claimant 157
was laid off for an indefinite period and not recalled to work 158
prior to the dispute, or was separated by the employer prior to 159
the dispute for reasons other than the labor dispute, or that the 160
individual obtained a bona fide job with another employer while 161
the dispute was still in progress, such labor dispute shall not 162
render the employee ineligible for benefits. 163

(b) The individual has been given a disciplinary layoff for 164
misconduct in connection with the individual's work. 165

(2) For the duration of the individual's unemployment if the 166
director finds that: 167

(a) The individual quit work without just cause or has been 168
discharged for just cause in connection with the individual's 169
work, provided division (D)(2) of this section does not apply to 170
the separation of a person under any of the following 171
circumstances: 172

(i) Separation from employment for the purpose of entering 173
the armed forces of the United States if the individual is 174
inducted into the armed forces within one of the following 175
periods: 176

(I) Thirty days after separation;	177
(II) One hundred eighty days after separation if the individual's date of induction is delayed solely at the discretion of the armed forces.	178 179 180
(ii) Separation from employment pursuant to a labor-management contract or agreement, or pursuant to an established employer plan, program, or policy, which permits the employee, because of lack of work, to accept a separation from employment;	181 182 183 184 185
(iii) The individual has left employment to accept a recall from a prior employer or, except as provided in division (D)(2)(a)(iv) of this section, to accept other employment as provided under section 4141.291 of the Revised Code, or left or was separated from employment that was concurrent employment at the time of the most recent separation or within six weeks prior to the most recent separation where the remuneration, hours, or other conditions of such concurrent employment were substantially less favorable than the individual's most recent employment and where such employment, if offered as new work, would be considered not suitable under the provisions of divisions (E) and (F) of this section. Any benefits that would otherwise be chargeable to the account of the employer from whom an individual has left employment or was separated from employment that was concurrent employment under conditions described in division (D)(2)(a)(iii) of this section, shall instead be charged to the mutualized account created by division (B) of section 4141.25 of the Revised Code, except that any benefits chargeable to the account of a reimbursing employer under division (D)(2)(a)(iii) of this section shall be charged to the account of the reimbursing employer and not to the mutualized account, except as provided in division (D)(2) of section 4141.24 of the Revised Code.	186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207
(iv) When an individual has been issued a definite layoff	208

date by the individual's employer and before the layoff date, the 209
individual quits to accept other employment, the provisions of 210
division (D)(2)(a)(iii) of this section apply and no 211
disqualification shall be imposed under division (D) of this 212
section. However, if the individual fails to meet the employment 213
and earnings requirements of division (A)(2) of section 4141.291 214
of the Revised Code, then the individual, pursuant to division 215
(A)(5) of this section, shall be ineligible for benefits for any 216
week of unemployment that occurs prior to the layoff date. 217

(b) The individual has refused without good cause to accept 218
an offer of suitable work when made by an employer either in 219
person or to the individual's last known address, or has refused 220
or failed to investigate a referral to suitable work when directed 221
to do so by a local employment office of this state or another 222
state, provided that this division shall not cause a 223
disqualification for a waiting week or benefits under the 224
following circumstances: 225

(i) When work is offered by the individual's employer and the 226
individual is not required to accept the offer pursuant to the 227
terms of the labor-management contract or agreement; or 228

(ii) When the individual is attending a training course 229
pursuant to division (A)(4) of this section except, in the event 230
of a refusal to accept an offer of suitable work or a refusal or 231
failure to investigate a referral, benefits thereafter paid to 232
such individual shall not be charged to the account of any 233
employer and, except as provided in division (B)(1)(b) of section 234
4141.241 of the Revised Code, shall be charged to the mutualized 235
account as provided in division (B) of section 4141.25 of the 236
Revised Code. 237

(c) ~~Such~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 4141.293 of 238
the Revised Code, such individual quit work to marry or because of 239
marital, parental, filial, or other domestic obligations. 240

(d) The individual became unemployed by reason of commitment 241
to any correctional institution. 242

(e) The individual became unemployed because of dishonesty in 243
connection with the individual's most recent or any base period 244
work. Remuneration earned in such work shall be excluded from the 245
individual's total base period remuneration and qualifying weeks 246
that otherwise would be credited to the individual for such work 247
in the individual's base period shall not be credited for the 248
purpose of determining the total benefits to which the individual 249
is eligible and the weekly benefit amount to be paid under section 250
4141.30 of the Revised Code. Such excluded remuneration and 251
noncredited qualifying weeks shall be excluded from the 252
calculation of the maximum amount to be charged, under division 253
(D) of section 4141.24 and section 4141.33 of the Revised Code, 254
against the accounts of the individual's base period employers. In 255
addition, no benefits shall thereafter be paid to the individual 256
based upon such excluded remuneration or noncredited qualifying 257
weeks. 258

For purposes of division (D)(2)(e) of this section, 259
"dishonesty" means the commission of substantive theft, fraud, or 260
deceitful acts. 261

(E) No individual otherwise qualified to receive benefits 262
shall lose the right to benefits by reason of a refusal to accept 263
new work if: 264

(1) As a condition of being so employed the individual would 265
be required to join a company union, or to resign from or refrain 266
from joining any bona fide labor organization, or would be denied 267
the right to retain membership in and observe the lawful rules of 268
any such organization. 269

(2) The position offered is vacant due directly to a strike, 270
lockout, or other labor dispute. 271

(3) The work is at an unreasonable distance from the individual's residence, having regard to the character of the work the individual has been accustomed to do, and travel to the place of work involves expenses substantially greater than that required for the individual's former work, unless the expense is provided for.

(4) The remuneration, hours, or other conditions of the work offered are substantially less favorable to the individual than those prevailing for similar work in the locality.

(F) Subject to the special exceptions contained in division (A)(4)(f) of this section and section 4141.301 of the Revised Code, in determining whether any work is suitable for a claimant in the administration of this chapter, the director, in addition to the determination required under division (E) of this section, shall consider the degree of risk to the claimant's health, safety, and morals, the individual's physical fitness for the work, the individual's prior training and experience, the length of the individual's unemployment, the distance of the available work from the individual's residence, and the individual's prospects for obtaining local work.

(G) The "duration of unemployment" as used in this section means the full period of unemployment next ensuing after a separation from any base period or subsequent work and until an individual has become reemployed in employment subject to this chapter, or the unemployment compensation act of another state, or of the United States, and until such individual has worked six weeks and for those weeks has earned or been paid remuneration equal to six times an average weekly wage of not less than: eighty-five dollars and ten cents per week beginning on June 26, 1990; and beginning on and after January 1, 1992, twenty-seven and one-half per cent of the statewide average weekly wage as computed each first day of January under division (B)(3) of section 4141.30

of the Revised Code, rounded down to the nearest dollar, except 304
for purposes of division (D)(2)(c) of this section, such term 305
means the full period of unemployment next ensuing after a 306
separation from such work and until such individual has become 307
reemployed subject to the terms set forth above, and has earned 308
wages equal to one-half of the individual's average weekly wage or 309
sixty dollars, whichever is less. 310

(H) If a claimant is disqualified under division (D)(2)(a), 311
(c), or (d) of this section or found to be qualified under the 312
exceptions provided in division (D)(2)(a)(i), (iii), or (iv) of 313
this section ~~or~~, division (A)(2) of section 4141.291 of the 314
Revised Code, or section 4141.293 of the Revised Code, then 315
benefits that may become payable to such claimant, which are 316
chargeable to the account of the employer from whom the individual 317
was separated under such conditions, shall be charged to the 318
mutualized account provided in section 4141.25 of the Revised 319
Code, provided that no charge shall be made to the mutualized 320
account for benefits chargeable to a reimbursing employer, except 321
as provided in division (D)(2) of section 4141.24 of the Revised 322
Code. In the case of a reimbursing employer, the director shall 323
refund or credit to the account of the reimbursing employer any 324
over-paid benefits that are recovered under division (B) of 325
section 4141.35 of the Revised Code. Amounts chargeable to other 326
states, the United States, or Canada that are subject to 327
agreements and arrangements that are established pursuant to 328
section 4141.43 of the Revised Code shall be credited or 329
reimbursed according to the agreements and arrangements to which 330
the chargeable amounts are subject. 331

(I)(1) Benefits based on service in employment as provided in 332
divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of section 4141.01 of the Revised Code 333
shall be payable in the same amount, on the same terms, and 334
subject to the same conditions as benefits payable on the basis of 335

other service subject to this chapter; except that after December 31, 1977:

(a) Benefits based on service in an instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity in an institution of higher education, as defined in division (Y) of section 4141.01 of the Revised Code; or for an educational institution as defined in division (CC) of section 4141.01 of the Revised Code, shall not be paid to any individual for any week of unemployment that begins during the period between two successive academic years or terms, or during a similar period between two regular but not successive terms or during a period of paid sabbatical leave provided for in the individual's contract, if the individual performs such services in the first of those academic years or terms and has a contract or a reasonable assurance that the individual will perform services in any such capacity for any such institution in the second of those academic years or terms.

(b) Benefits based on service for an educational institution or an institution of higher education in other than an instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity, shall not be paid to any individual for any week of unemployment which begins during the period between two successive academic years or terms of the employing educational institution or institution of higher education, provided the individual performed those services for the educational institution or institution of higher education during the first such academic year or term and, there is a reasonable assurance that such individual will perform those services for any educational institution or institution of higher education in the second of such academic years or terms.

If compensation is denied to any individual for any week under division (I)(1)(b) of this section and the individual was not offered an opportunity to perform those services for an institution of higher education or for an educational institution

for the second of such academic years or terms, the individual is 368
entitled to a retroactive payment of compensation for each week 369
for which the individual timely filed a claim for compensation and 370
for which compensation was denied solely by reason of division 371
(I)(1)(b) of this section. An application for retroactive benefits 372
shall be timely filed if received by the director or the 373
director's deputy within or prior to the end of the fourth full 374
calendar week after the end of the period for which benefits were 375
denied because of reasonable assurance of employment. The 376
provision for the payment of retroactive benefits under division 377
(I)(1)(b) of this section is applicable to weeks of unemployment 378
beginning on and after November 18, 1983. The provisions under 379
division (I)(1)(b) of this section shall be retroactive to 380
September 5, 1982, only if, as a condition for full tax credit 381
against the tax imposed by the "Federal Unemployment Tax Act," 53 382
Stat. 183 (1939), 26 U.S.C.A. 3301 to 3311, the United States 383
secretary of labor determines that retroactivity is required by 384
federal law. 385

(c) With respect to weeks of unemployment beginning after 386
December 31, 1977, benefits shall be denied to any individual for 387
any week which commences during an established and customary 388
vacation period or holiday recess, if the individual performs any 389
services described in divisions (I)(1)(a) and (b) of this section 390
in the period immediately before the vacation period or holiday 391
recess, and there is a reasonable assurance that the individual 392
will perform any such services in the period immediately following 393
the vacation period or holiday recess. 394

(d) With respect to any services described in division 395
(I)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, benefits payable on the 396
basis of services in any such capacity shall be denied as 397
specified in division (I)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section to 398
any individual who performs such services in an educational 399

institution or institution of higher education while in the employ 400
of an educational service agency. For this purpose, the term 401
"educational service agency" means a governmental agency or 402
governmental entity that is established and operated exclusively 403
for the purpose of providing services to one or more educational 404
institutions or one or more institutions of higher education. 405

(e) Any individual employed by a public school district or a 406
county board of developmental disabilities shall be notified by 407
the thirtieth day of April each year if the individual is not to 408
be reemployed the following academic year. 409

(2) No disqualification will be imposed, between academic 410
years or terms or during a vacation period or holiday recess under 411
this division, unless the director or the director's deputy has 412
received a statement in writing from the educational institution 413
or institution of higher education that the claimant has a 414
contract for, or a reasonable assurance of, reemployment for the 415
ensuing academic year or term. 416

(3) If an individual has employment with an educational 417
institution or an institution of higher education and employment 418
with a noneducational employer, during the base period of the 419
individual's benefit year, then the individual may become eligible 420
for benefits during the between-term, or vacation or holiday 421
recess, disqualification period, based on employment performed for 422
the noneducational employer, provided that the employment is 423
sufficient to qualify the individual for benefit rights separately 424
from the benefit rights based on school employment. The weekly 425
benefit amount and maximum benefits payable during a 426
disqualification period shall be computed based solely on the 427
nonschool employment. 428

(J) Benefits shall not be paid on the basis of employment 429
performed by an alien, unless the alien had been lawfully admitted 430
to the United States for permanent residence at the time the 431

services were performed, was lawfully present for purposes of 432
performing the services, or was otherwise permanently residing in 433
the United States under color of law at the time the services were 434
performed, under section 212(d)(5) of the "Immigration and 435
Nationality Act," 66 Stat. 163, 8 U.S.C.A. 1101: 436

(1) Any data or information required of individuals applying 437
for benefits to determine whether benefits are not payable to them 438
because of their alien status shall be uniformly required from all 439
applicants for benefits. 440

(2) In the case of an individual whose application for 441
benefits would otherwise be approved, no determination that 442
benefits to the individual are not payable because of the 443
individual's alien status shall be made except upon a 444
preponderance of the evidence that the individual had not, in 445
fact, been lawfully admitted to the United States. 446

(K) The director shall establish and utilize a system of 447
profiling all new claimants under this chapter that: 448

(1) Identifies which claimants will be likely to exhaust 449
regular compensation and will need job search assistance services 450
to make a successful transition to new employment; 451

(2) Refers claimants identified pursuant to division (K)(1) 452
of this section to reemployment services, such as job search 453
assistance services, available under any state or federal law; 454

(3) Collects follow-up information relating to the services 455
received by such claimants and the employment outcomes for such 456
claimant's subsequent to receiving such services and utilizes such 457
information in making identifications pursuant to division (K)(1) 458
of this section; and 459

(4) Meets such other requirements as the United States 460
secretary of labor determines are appropriate. 461

Sec. 4141.293. (A) As used in this section: 462

(1) "Compelling family circumstances" means any of the 463
following: 464

(a) The claimant was separated from employment with the 465
claimant's employer because of the claimant's illness or 466
disability and, based upon available information, the director of 467
job and family services finds that it was medically necessary for 468
the claimant to stop working or change occupations. 469

(b) The claimant was separated from work due to an immediate 470
family member's illness or disability. 471

(c) The claimant's spouse was transferred or employed in 472
another city or state, the family is required to move to the 473
location of that job, the location is outside the commuting 474
distance of the claimant's previous employment, and the claimant 475
separates from employment in order to move to the new location 476
with the claimant's spouse. 477

(2) "Disability" means a verified disability that 478
necessitates the care of the disabled person for a period of time 479
that exceeds the amount of time an employer will provide paid or 480
unpaid leave. "Disability" includes mental and physical 481
disabilities, permanent and temporary disabilities, and partial 482
and total disabilities. 483

(3) "Immediate family member" means a claimant's spouse, 484
parent, or child under the age of eighteen. 485

(4) "Illness" means a verified illness that necessitates the 486
care of the ill person for a period of time that exceeds the 487
amount of time an employer will provide paid or unpaid leave. 488

(B)(1) Notwithstanding section 4141.29 of the Revised Code, a 489
claimant is eligible for waiting week credit and for unemployment 490
compensation benefits if the director finds that the claimant has 491

left work voluntarily or has been discharged because of 492
circumstances directly resulting from domestic abuse and any of 493
the following applies: 494

(a) The claimant reasonably fears future domestic abuse at or 495
en route to the workplace. 496

(b) The claimant needs to relocate to avoid future domestic 497
abuse. 498

(c) The claimant reasonably believes that leaving work is 499
necessary for the safety of the claimant or the claimant's family. 500

(2) When determining if a claimant has experienced domestic 501
abuse for the purpose of receiving unemployment compensation 502
benefits, the director shall require the claimant to provide 503
documentation of domestic abuse that may include police or court 504
records or other documentation of abuse from a shelter worker, 505
attorney, member of the clergy, or medical or other professional 506
from whom the claimant has sought assistance. 507

(3) The director shall keep confidential any documentation or 508
evidence of domestic abuse acquired by the director pursuant to 509
this section unless the claimant gives written consent for 510
disclosure. 511

(C) Notwithstanding section 4141.29 of the Revised Code, an 512
individual is eligible for waiting week credit and for 513
unemployment compensation benefits if the director determines that 514
the claimant was separated from employment due to compelling 515
family circumstances. 516

Sec. 4141.302. (A) As used in this section: 517

(1) "Extended benefits" and "regular benefits" have the same 518
meanings as in section 4141.301 of the Revised Code. 519

(2) "Other unemployment benefits" means regular benefits, 520
extended benefits, and any unemployment benefits funded solely by 521

the federal government. 522

(3) "Similar stipend" means an amount provided under a 523
program with similar aims, such as providing training to increase 524
employability, and in approximately the same amounts. 525

(B) An individual who has exhausted all other unemployment 526
benefits for which the individual has been determined eligible 527
shall continue to be eligible for up to twenty-six additional 528
weeks of unemployment benefits if the director of job and family 529
services determines that the individual satisfies all of the 530
following criteria: 531

(1) The individual was involuntarily separated from 532
employment because of a permanent reduction of operations at the 533
individual's place of employment or is unemployed because of a 534
separation from a declining occupation. 535

(2) The individual is enrolled and making satisfactory 536
progress in a training program that the director approves for the 537
individual or a training program authorized under the "Workforce 538
Investment Act of 1998," 112 Stat. 936, 29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq., as 539
amended. 540

(3) The individual is receiving training that is preparing 541
the individual for entry into a high-demand occupation. 542

(4) The individual is not receiving similar stipends or other 543
training allowances for nontraining costs. 544

(C) To be eligible for training extension benefits under this 545
section, an individual shall be enrolled in the qualifying 546
training no later than the end of the benefit year established 547
with respect to the separation that makes the individual eligible 548
for the training extension benefit. The director shall notify each 549
claimant of this enrollment requirement at the time the director 550
issues the claimant's initial determination of benefit rights 551
under section 4141.28 of the Revised Code. 552

(D) The weekly benefit payable to an individual under this section shall be equal to the amount of unemployment benefits for which the individual has been determined eligible under section 4141.30 of the Revised Code, less any reductions made under section 4141.31 of the Revised Code. 553
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(E) If an individual begins to receive training extension benefits under this section while enrolled in a training program described in division (B) of this section during a benefit year, that individual shall continue to receive the training extension benefits so long as the individual continues to make satisfactory progress in the training program. However, training extension benefits shall not exceed twenty-six times the individual's weekly benefit amount for the most recent benefit year as determined under section 4141.30 of the Revised Code. 558
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(F) The director shall charge any training extension benefits paid under this section to the mutualized account created in section 4141.25 of the Revised Code and shall not charge an employer's account for any training extension benefits paid to a claimant. 567
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Section 2. That existing section 4141.29 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed. 572
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Section 3. (A) There is hereby created the Unemployment Modernization Review Task Force. The Task Force shall study the amendments to section 4141.29 of the Revised Code by this act, and the enactment of sections 4141.293 and 4141.302 of the Revised Code by this act, as those amendments and enactments relate to unemployment modernization provisions of the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, as amended. 574
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(B) The Task Force shall consist of the legislative members 582

of the Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council and the 583
following two additional members: 584

(1) A member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the 585
Senate, who is a member of the minority party; 586

(2) A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by 587
the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who is a member of 588
the minority party. 589

Each member of the Task Force shall hold office during the 590
General Assembly in which the member is appointed and until a 591
successor has been appointed, notwithstanding the adjournment sine 592
die of the General Assembly in which the member was appointed or 593
the expiration of the member's term as a member of the General 594
Assembly. Any vacancies occurring among the members of the Task 595
Force shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment. 596

(C) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House 597
of Representatives shall appoint the members of the Task Force 598
described in divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section within 599
thirty days after the effective date of this section. 600

(D) The Task Force shall submit a report to the Governor, the 601
Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and 602
the President and Minority Leader of the Senate not later than 603
December 31, 2012. The report shall include the effects of the 604
legislation described in division (A) of this section. 605