

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 1151  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, some organizations feel the current Texas Labor Code is not specific enough in regard to seasonal employment. This bill would set forth guidelines for unemployment compensation benefits for certain persons engaged in seasonal employment.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 1151 sets forth guidelines for unemployment compensation benefits for certain persons engaged in seasonal employment.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Workforce Commission in SECTION 1 (Section 201.048, Labor Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 201D, Labor Code, by adding Section 201.048, as follows:

Sec. 201.048. SERVICES PERFORMED IN SEASONAL PLAY OR MUSICAL PRODUCTION. Defines "seasonal." Provides that services performed for a seasonal play or musical production with an educational or historical purpose regarding the state, constitute employment for purposes of this subtitle. Provides that benefits are payable to an individual who provides seasonal services only for the weeks of unemployment that occur, or the greater part of which occur, during the seasonal work period. Requires the Texas Employment Commission to determine, by rule, the dates of a seasonal period for the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

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