

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

According to precedent set by the Texas Workforce Commission, a person must be seeking fulltime work to receive partial unemployment benefits. As a result of this precedent, persons with disabilities that prevent them from working a full-time job are unable to receive partial unemployment benefits after being discharged from their part-time job. C.S.H.B. 481 allows persons with disabilities who are seeking part-time work to be eligible to receive partial unemployment benefits.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 207, Labor Code, by adding Section 207.0211, as follows:

Section 207.0211. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN DISABLED PERSONS. Provides that a permanently disabled individual is considered to be able to work under Section 207.021(a)(3) and available for work for purposes of Section 207.021(a)(4) if, as a result of the individual's disability, the individual meets certain criteria.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 204.022, Labor Code, by adding Subsection (f), to prohibit benefits from being charged to the account of an employer based on wage credits earned by an employee who is eligible for benefits under Section 207.0211.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.