

# SENATE, No. 2640

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Eliminates off trigger for additional unemployment benefits during job training program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning additional unemployment benefits during job  
2 training and repealing section 8 of P.L.1992, c.47.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 8 of P.L.1992, c.47 (C.43:21-64) is repealed.

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9 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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13 This bill repeals the “off-trigger” provision of the State’s  
14 existing program providing up to 26 weeks of additional  
15 unemployment insurance (UI) benefits during training (ABT) for  
16 laid-off, displaced workers who are making satisfactory progress in  
17 State-approved job training programs. The current law establishing  
18 the ABT program provides an off-trigger to reject any new  
19 applications for ABT whenever the total amount of ABT payments  
20 exceeds 2% of the cumulative annual balance of the UI fund.

21 Together with other existing provisions of the State’s UI law, the  
22 bill meets the requirements of the federal “American Recovery and  
23 Reinvestment Act of 2009” (ARRA), so that the State’s UI fund  
24 will receive \$207 million in federal UI funds, which will help  
25 prevent increases in the UI taxes of New Jersey employers. New  
26 Jersey’s current ABT law meets all ARRA requirements to receive  
27 those federal funds, except for the ARRA requirement that ABT  
28 programs be permanent and not have any off trigger.

29 Eliminating the ABT off trigger should have no practical effect  
30 on the UI fund, because the amount of ABT payments has never  
31 been high enough to trigger off the benefits and is unlikely, by  
32 estimates of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development,  
33 to trigger off the benefits in the foreseeable future.