AN ACT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act to
improve the administration of the unemployment compensation program and qualify for
federal modernization funding pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment
Act of 2009.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
act may be cited as the "Unemployment Compensation Administrative Modernization
Temporary Amendment Act of 2009".

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act, approved August
28, 1935 (49 Stat. 456; D.C. Official Code § 51-101 *et seq*.), is amended as follows:
　　(a) Section 7(f) (D.C. Official Code § 51-107(f)) is amended to read as follows:
　　"(f) In addition to benefits payable under the foregoing subsections of this section, each
eligible individual who is unemployed in any week shall be paid with respect to such week $15
for each dependent relative, but no more than $50 or ½ of the individual's weekly benefit
amount, whichever is less, with respect to any one week of unemployment. The amount of the
dependent's allowance paid to an individual shall not be charged to the individual accounts of
the employers. An individual's number of dependents shall be determined as of the day with
respect to which the individual first files a valid claim for benefits in any benefit year and shall
remain fixed for the duration of such benefit year. The dependent's allowance shall not be taken
into consideration in calculating the total amount of benefits in subsection (d) of this section;
provided, that this subsection shall not apply to claims for benefit years commencing prior to
August 10, 2009, and shall not apply to claims for benefit years commencing after December
31, 2010.".
　　(b) Section 10 (D.C. Official Code § 51-110) is amended by adding a new subsection (j)
to read as follows:
　　"(j)(1)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, an individual who is
unemployed within the meaning of this act, who has exhausted all regular unemployment
benefits provided under this act, including any extensions of benefits, and who is enrolled in,

and making satisfactory progress in, a District-approved training program or a job training program authorized under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, approved August 7, 1998 (112 Stat. 936; 29 U.S.C. § 2822), shall be eligible for training extension benefits if the Director determines that the following criteria have been met:

"(i) The training prepares the claimant for entry into a high-demand occupation (if the Director determines that the claimant has been separated from employment in a declining occupation or has been involuntarily and indefinitely separated from employment as a result of a permanent reduction of operations at the claimant's place of unemployment);

"(ii) The claimant is making satisfactory progress towards completing the training as determined by the Director, including the submission of written statements from the training program provider; and

"(iii) The claimant is not receiving similar stipends or other training allowances for non-training costs.

"(B)(i) For the purposes of subparagraph (A)(i) of this paragraph, the terms "declining occupation" and "high-demand occupation" shall be determined by the Director based upon currently available labor market information.

"(ii) For the purposes of subparagraph (A)(iii) of this paragraph, the term "similar stipends" means an amount provided under a program with similar goals, such as providing training to increase employability, and in similar amounts. The stipends for non-training cost allowances shall be treated as "earnings" as defined in this act.

"(2) A claimant who is not subject to the provisions of paragraph (1)(A)(i) of this subsection shall be enrolled in training and making satisfactory progress as the Director may determine will increase the employability of the claimant in the District labor market.

"(3) The weekly training extension benefit amount payable pursuant to this act shall be equal to the claimant's weekly benefit amount for the most recent benefit year less any deductible income as determined by this act. The total amount of training extension benefits payable to a claimant shall not exceed 26 times the claimant's weekly benefit amount of the most recent benefit year.

"(4) If the claimant completes the training program, ceases to be making satisfactory progress, or stops attending the training program, the claimant shall not be eligible for further training extension benefits unless the Director determines that the claimant has resolved the impediment.

"(5) A claimant seeking training extension benefits may apply for the benefits at any time prior to the end of the claimant's initial benefit year or the end of any period of extended benefits.

"(6) No training extension benefits paid pursuant to this act shall be charged to individual employer accounts.".

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

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Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor
District of Columbia