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By: **Delegates Fulton and Goodwin**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Unemployment Insurance - Eligibility for Benefits - Training**

3 FOR the purpose of defining the term "training" in connection with the prohibition  
4 against the denial of unemployment insurance benefits to certain individuals;  
5 and generally relating to eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Labor and Employment  
8 Section 8-903(c)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Labor and Employment**

14 8-903.

15 (c) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "TRAINING" MEANS EMPLOYMENT-RELATED  
16 TRAINING, INCLUDING ANY VOCATIONAL TRAINING COURSE.

17 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or § 8-904 or §  
18 8-907(a) or (b) of this subtitle, an individual who otherwise is eligible to receive  
19 benefits and who is in training with the approval of the Secretary may not be denied  
20 benefits:

21 [(1)] (I) for failure to meet the requirements of subsection (a)(1)(ii) and  
22 (iii) of this section to be available for work and actively seeking work; or

23 [(2)] (II) for failure to apply for or refusal to accept suitable work under §  
24 8-1005 of this title.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2005.