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AN ACT Relating to permitting educational employees not employed in instructional, research, or principal administrative capacities, including school bus drivers, to receive benefits for periods of unemployment between academic terms; amending RCW 50.44.050; and creating a new section.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 Sec. 1. RCW 50.44.050 and 2001 c 100 s 2 are each amended to read 8 as follows:

9 Except as otherwise provided in subsections (1) through (((4))) <u>(3)</u> 10 of this section, benefits based on services in employment covered by or 11 pursuant to this chapter shall be payable on the same terms and subject 12 to the same conditions as compensation payable on the basis of other 13 service subject to this title.

(1) Benefits based on any and all service in an instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity for any and all educational institutions shall not be paid to an individual for any week of unemployment which commences during the period between two successive academic years or between two successive academic terms within an academic year (or, when an agreement provides instead for a

similar period between two regular but not successive terms within an 1 2 academic year, during such period) if such individual performs such services in the first of such academic years or terms and if there is 3 a contract or reasonable assurance that such individual will perform 4 5 services in any such capacity for any educational institution in the second of such academic years or terms. Any employee of a common б 7 school district who is presumed to be reemployed pursuant to RCW 28A.405.210 shall be deemed to have a contract for the ensuing term. 8

9 (2) ((Benefits shall not be paid based on any and all services in any other capacity for any and all educational institutions for any 10 week of unemployment which commences during the period between two 11 12 successive academic years or between two successive academic terms 13 within an academic year, if such individual performs such services in 14 the first of such academic years or terms and there is a reasonable assurance that such individual will perform such services in the second 15 of such academic years or terms: PROVIDED, That if benefits are denied 16 17 to any individual under this subsection and that individual was not offered an opportunity to perform such services for the educational 18 institution for the second of such academic years or terms, the 19 20 individual is entitled to a retroactive payment of benefits for each 21 week for which the individual filed a timely claim for benefits and for 22 which benefits were denied solely by reason of this subsection.

23 (3)) Benefits shall not be paid based on any services described in 24 subsection((s)) (1) ((and (2))) of this section for any week of 25 unemployment which commences during an established and customary vacation period or holiday recess if such individual performs such 26 27 services for any educational institution in the period immediately before such vacation period or holiday recess, and there is a 28 reasonable assurance that such individual will perform such services 29 for any educational institution in the period immediately following 30 31 such vacation period or holiday recess.

32 (((4))) (3) Benefits shall not be paid (as specified in subsection((s (1),)) (1) or (2)((, or (3))) of this section) based on 33 any services described in subsection((s)) (1) ((or (2))) of this 34 35 section to any individual who performed such services in any educational institution while in the employ of an educational service 36 37 district which is established pursuant to chapter 28A.310 RCW and 38 exists to provide services to local school districts.

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1 (((5))) (4) As used in this section, "academic year" means: Fall, 2 winter, spring, and summer quarters or comparable semesters unless, 3 based upon objective criteria including enrollment and staffing, the 4 quarter or comparable semester is not in fact a part of the academic 5 year for the particular institution.

6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** This act applies to claims with an effective 7 date on or after June 3, 2007.

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