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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing eligibility for unemployment  
2 compensation through work referral; and amending RCW 50.20.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.20.010 and 1981 c 35 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive waiting  
7 period credits or benefits with respect to any week in his or her  
8 eligibility period only if the commissioner finds that:

9 ~~((1))~~ (a) He or she has registered for work at, and thereafter  
10 has continued to report at, an employment office in accordance with  
11 such regulation as the commissioner may prescribe, except that the  
12 commissioner may by regulation waive or alter either or both of the  
13 requirements of this subdivision as to individuals attached to regular  
14 jobs and as to such other types of cases or situations with respect to  
15 which he or she finds that the compliance with such requirements would  
16 be oppressive, or would be inconsistent with the purposes of this  
17 title;

1       (~~(2)~~) (b) He or she has filed an application for an initial  
2 determination and made a claim for waiting period credit or for  
3 benefits in accordance with the provisions of this title;

4       (~~(3)~~) (c) He or she is able to work, and is available for work in  
5 any trade, occupation, profession, or business for which he or she is  
6 reasonably fitted. To be available for work an individual must be  
7 ready, able, and willing, immediately to accept any suitable work which  
8 may be offered to him and must be actively seeking work pursuant to  
9 customary trade practices and through other methods when so directed by  
10 the commissioner or his agents;

11       (~~(4)~~) (d) He or she has been unemployed for a waiting period of  
12 one week; and

13       (~~(5)~~) (e) As to weeks beginning after March 31, 1981, which fall  
14 within an extended benefit period as defined in RCW 50.22.010(~~(1)~~,~~as~~  
15 ~~now or hereafter amended~~)), the individual meets the terms and  
16 conditions of RCW 50.22.020, as now or hereafter amended, with respect  
17 to benefits claimed in excess of twenty-six times the individual's  
18 weekly benefit amount.

19       (2) In establishing requirements under this section, the  
20 commissioner may enter into agreements with labor organizations that  
21 refer employees for work opportunities pursuant to a collective  
22 bargaining contract. The participating labor organizations must keep  
23 true and accurate records containing such information regarding work  
24 referral as the commissioner may prescribe by rule. Each labor  
25 organization's work referral records shall be open to inspection and to  
26 being copied by the commissioner or his or her agents at any reasonable  
27 time and as often as may be necessary for effective administration of  
28 this section. Participating labor organizations shall be audited at  
29 least annually for compliance with this section.

30       (3) An individual's eligibility period for regular benefits shall  
31 be coincident to his or her established benefit year. An individual's  
32 eligibility period for additional or extended benefits shall be the  
33 periods prescribed elsewhere in this title for such benefits.

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