

An act to require individuals receiving Unemployment Insurance to further their education.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section I: This bill, if enacted, would require individuals collecting Unemployment Insurance (UI) to further
their education. This includes attending GED classes, college courses, taking part in an internship, or joining
an apprenticeship program.

Section II: To assist in furthering the education of the unemployed, the state will collaborate with
 communities to increase access to continuing education opportunities. This will include but will not be limited
 to: the creation of a state run online course database, ensuring that GED classes are readily available, and
 working with local businesses in order to create internship and apprenticeship programs.

Section III: An online course database will be created and maintained by the state. Within this database will be access to online courses currently being offered by Kentucky public colleges. These courses will be free to anyone receiving UI, the cost to colleges and universities will be subsidized by the state.

18 Section IV: Within a county there must be GED courses beginning at minimum every thirty days.

Section V: Person's collecting UI will be allowed to take part in internship and apprenticeship programs with
 local businesses. Businesses will receive a \$1,000 stipend for each unemployed intern or apprentice take in.
 For every ten full time employees on staff, a business may hire one intern or apprentice.

Section VI: The Office of Employment and Training will be responsible for enforcing these regulations when
 an individual picks up their UI checks. Individuals will have 60 days to enroll in a continuing education course
 or program. After the 60 day grace period, the following penalties will be in place:

- 28 1st Penalty Warning and \$100 fine
- 29 2nd Penalty 20% cut in unemployment
- 30 3rd Penalty Unemployment is cut completely 31
- Section VII: The total cost of passing this bill will be \$750,000 its first year, and \$500,000 for each consecutive year. This money will come from Kentucky's Community Development Grant.
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35 Section VIII: This bill will go into effect 90 days after being enacted.