

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 629

Short Title: NC Back-To-Work Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Bingham (Primary Sponsor); Cook and Jackson.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT FOR PARTICIPANTS IN  
3 THE NORTH CAROLINA BACK-TO-WORK PROGRAM AND TO DIRECT THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, IN  
5 COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TO  
6 DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 96-14.9(h), as enacted by S.L. 2013-2, reads as rewritten:

9 "(h) Job Training. – An individual has satisfied the work search requirements for any  
10 given week if the Division determines for that week that one or more of the following applies:

- 11 (1) Trade Jobs for Success. – The individual is participating in the Trade Jobs  
12 for Success initiative under G.S. 143B-438.16.  
13 (2) Reemployment services. – The individual is participating in the  
14 reemployment services as directed by the Division and is actively seeking  
15 work in a manner consistent with the planned reemployment services. The  
16 Division must refer an individual to reemployment services if the Division  
17 finds that the individual would likely exhaust regular benefits and need  
18 reemployment services to make a successful transition to new employment.  
19 (3) Vocational school or training program. – The individual is attending a  
20 vocational school or training program approved by the ~~Division~~Division,  
21 including participating in the North Carolina Back-to-Work initiative  
22 authorized under Section 8.10A of S.L. 2012-142."

23 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Commerce, Division of Employment Security, in  
24 collaboration with the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges, shall develop an  
25 outreach plan to disseminate information to unemployed individuals, in particular those  
26 individuals who are considered long-term unemployed, regarding the opportunity to participate  
27 in the North Carolina Back-to-Work program.

28 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.

