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STATE OF MINNESOTA
SPECIAL SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Rules and Administration

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to unemployment; allowing high school students to be eligible for federal
1.3 pandemic unemployment assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section
1.4 268.085, subdivision 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 268.085, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Not eligible.** An applicant is ineligible for unemployment benefits for any week:

1.8 (1) that occurs before the effective date of a benefit account;

1.9 (2) that the applicant, at any time during the week, has an outstanding misrepresentation
1.10 overpayment balance under section 268.18, subdivision 2, including any penalties and
1.11 interest;

1.12 (3) that occurs in a period when the applicant is a student in attendance at, or on vacation
1.13 from a secondary school including the period between academic years or terms, except that
1.14 an applicant in attendance at or on vacation from a secondary school shall be eligible for
1.15 federally funded unemployment assistance, including but not limited to the Federal Pandemic
1.16 Unemployment Compensation program, if the applicant meets federal eligibility
1.17 requirements;

1.18 (4) that the applicant is incarcerated or performing court-ordered community service.
1.19 The applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount is reduced by one-fifth for each day
1.20 the applicant is incarcerated or performing court-ordered community service;

1.21 (5) that the applicant fails or refuses to provide information on an issue of ineligibility
1.22 required under section 268.101;

2.1 (6) that the applicant is performing services 32 hours or more, in employment, covered
2.2 employment, noncovered employment, volunteer work, or self-employment regardless of
2.3 the amount of any earnings; or

2.4 (7) with respect to which the applicant has filed an application for unemployment benefits
2.5 under any federal law or the law of any other state. If the appropriate agency finally
2.6 determines that the applicant is not entitled to establish a benefit account under federal law
2.7 or the law of any other state, this clause does not apply.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
2.9 is retroactive from March 16, 2020.