

(B) IT IS THE STATE'S GOAL TO ASSIST ITS CITIZENS IN OBTAINING GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT AND IN REDUCING DEPENDENCE ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS BY:

(1) PREPARING UNSKILLED YOUTH AND ADULTS WHO ARE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED FOR ENTRY INTO THE WORK FORCE;

(2) RETRAINING THOSE WHO HAVE LOST JOBS AND WHO MUST UPGRADE OR REPLACE THEIR WORK SKILLS; AND

(3) PROVIDING TRAINING AND RELATED SERVICES TO INCREASE THE EMPLOYABILITY OF THOSE WHO ENCOUNTER BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT.

(C) IT IS ALSO THE STATE'S GOAL TO DEVELOP A WELL TRAINED PRODUCTIVE WORK FORCE WHICH MEETS THE NEEDS OF A CHANGING ECONOMY BY:

(1) DEVELOPING AND ENSURING MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF TIMELY STATEWIDE LABOR MARKET INFORMATION;

(2) LINKING EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS;

(3) PROVIDING ENHANCED EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CAPABILITIES SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, INCLUDING INDUSTRIES THAT UTILIZE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS; AND

(4) ENCOURAGING AND INITIATING INNOVATIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING STRATEGIES.

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(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE DEFINITIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 4 OF THE FEDERAL ACT SHALL APPLY; DEFINITIONS SET FORTH BELOW SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "DISLOCATED WORKER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WORKER OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS PART OF ~~SUBSTANTIAL-GROUPS~~ A SUBSTANTIAL GROUP OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO:

(1)--HAVE HAS BEEN TERMINATED OR LAID OFF OR-HAVE HAS RECEIVED A NOTICE OF TERMINATION OR LAY-OFF FROM EMPLOYMENT,--ARE IS ELIGIBLE FOR, RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT, OR-HAVE HAS EXHAUSTED THEIR THE INDIVIDUAL'S ENTITLEMENT TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, AND--ARE IS UNLIKELY TO RETURN TO-~~THEIR~~ THE INDIVIDUAL'S PREVIOUS INDUSTRY OR OCCUPATION;

(2)--HAVE HAS BEEN TERMINATED, OR-HAVE HAS RECEIVED A NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, AS A RESULT OF ANY PERMANENT CLOSURE OF A PLANT OR FACILITY; OR

(3) ARE IS LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED AND-HAVE HAS LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT OR REEMPLOYMENT IN THE SAME OR A