

EXHIBIT G-4

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 209

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7 Fletcher, Hendren, Holland, J. Hutchinson, Irvin, G. Jeffress, J. Jeffress, J. Key, M. Lamoureux, Rapert,
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9 By: Representatives Bell, English, Mayberry, Pierce

10 Filed with: Interim Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor
11 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

12 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PERSONS WHO DO NOT HAVE A HIGH
13 SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR HAVE NOT PASSED THE GENERAL
14 EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST TO TAKE ADULT EDUCATION
15 CLASSES TOWARD PASSING THE GENERAL EDUCATIONAL
16 DEVELOPMENT TEST WHILE RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT
17 BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA,
22 A GED, OR ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES TOWARD
23 A GED WHILE RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT
24 BENEFITS.
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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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30 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-10-507(3)(A), concerning eligibility for
31 receipt of unemployment benefits is amended to read as follows:

32 (3) Able to Work and Available for Work.

33 (A)(i) The worker is unemployed, is physically and
34 mentally able to perform suitable work, and is available for such work.

35 (ii) “Physically and mentally able to perform
36 suitable work” includes:

1 (a) Having a high school diploma;

2 (b) Having passed the General Educational

3 Development Test; or

4 (c)(1) Enrolling in adult education classes

5 that lead toward passing the General Educational Development Test.

6 (2) A recipient of unemployment benefits

7 who is enrolled in adult education classes under subdivision (3)(A)(ii)(c)(1)

8 of this section shall remain continuously enrolled in the adult education

9 classes until the recipient passes the General Educational Development Test

10 or ceases to receive unemployment benefits.

11 (iii) The requirements under subdivision (3)(A)(ii)

12 of this section may be waived for a worker if the Director of the Department

13 of Workforce deems the requirements unduly burdensome.

14 (iv) Mere registration and reporting at a local

15 employment office shall not be conclusive evidence of ability to work,

16 availability for work, or willingness to accept work unless the individual is

17 doing those things which a reasonably prudent individual would be expected to

18 do to secure work.

19 (v) In determining suitable work under this section

20 and for refusing to apply for or accept suitable work under § 11-10-515,

21 part-time work shall be considered suitable work unless the majority of weeks

22 of work in the period used to determine monetary ~~eligibility~~ eligibility is

23 from full-time work.

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25 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. (a) The Department of Workforce Services,

26 in consultation with the Department of Career Education, shall adopt rules

27 regarding eligibility for unemployment benefits under this act.

28 (b) The Department of Career Education, in consultation with the

29 Department of Workforce Services, shall adopt rules regarding adult education

30 classes that lead toward passing the General Educational Development Test

31 under this act.

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33 Referred by the Arkansas Senate

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