

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2017 REGULAR SESSION

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 316**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

BY SENATOR BLAIR

[Introduced February 14, 2017; Referred  
to the Committee on the Workforce; and then to the  
Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §21A-6-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to requiring individuals receiving unemployment compensation to apply for and accept  
 3 seasonal employment.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §21A-6-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and  
 2 reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 6. EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY; BENEFITS.**

**§21A-6-1a. Seasonal employment.**

1 An individual working less than one hundred days during his or her base period in an  
 2 industry recognized as seasonal, such as food processing and canning, or during the holiday  
 3 season, shall not be eligible for benefits unless he or she has earned wages during his or her  
 4 base period in other covered employment equal to not less than \$100. Individuals receiving  
 5 unemployment compensation must seek out seasonal employment. An individual who accepts  
 6 seasonal employment for a minimum of twenty-five hours a week shall be permitted by the  
 7 seasonal employer, upon written request, to engage in an active search for suitable full-time  
 8 employment. No disqualification from benefits is imposed on an individual who accepts seasonal  
 9 employment.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require individuals receiving unemployment compensation to seek out seasonal employment.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.