

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2016 REGULAR SESSION

Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 643

BY SENATOR BLAIR

[Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary;

reported on February 28, 2016]

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.