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**House Bills 4785-6 (As Introduced)**

**Topic:** Unemployment Insurance Modernization  
**Sponsor:** Representative Richard Hammel (House Bill 4785)  
Representative Burt Johnson (House Bill 4786)  
**Committee:** House Labor Committee

**Date Introduced:** April 2, 2009

**Date of Summary:** May 4, 2009

House Bill 4785 amends Sections 27 and 28 of the Michigan Employment Security Act by providing up to an additional 26 weeks of training benefits to unemployed workers who are in training for entry into a high-demand occupation, following either a:

- (1) Layoff from a declining occupation, or
- (2) Layoff from a job in which permanent operations were reduced

House Bill 4786 amends Section 28 of the Michigan Employment Security Act by not disqualifying an unemployed worker from receiving unemployment benefits because they are available and seeking only part-time work or they refuse an offer of full-time work if during their base period the majority of weeks of their employment was considered to be part-time work.

Enactment of these two bills would allow Michigan to receive additional federal funding under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.