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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill defines "affirmative-business enterprise employment" and makes affirmative-business enterprise employment eligible for funding under the extended employment program at the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

#### Section

- 1** **Defined.** Defines "affirmative-business enterprise employment" as employment providing paid work on the premises of an affirmative-business enterprise certified by the commissioner of employment and economic development. States that an affirmative-business enterprise must:
- employ no more than 40 percent of workers with severe disabilities;
  - report individual work in an integrated setting (*i.e.*, a setting typically found in the community that allows for interaction with non-disabled individuals who are not providing services to the individual, to the same extent that non-disabled individuals in comparable positions interact with other persons);
  - pay individuals at least the minimum wage; and
  - provide a benefit package that is available to all employees.

**Section**

- 2**      **Funding as community employment.** Specifies that affirmative-business enterprise employment is community employment for purposes of receiving funding under DEED's extended employment program.