

Subject Continuing appropriations; government shutdown

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Overview

This bill would appropriate money necessary to pay the salary and benefits of classified employees in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches if the budget law that would otherwise provide this funding is not enacted before a new budget biennium begins on July 1 of an odd-numbered year.

State employees can be grouped into two categories – classified and unclassified. In general, classified employees are represented by a union and collectively bargain with the State of Minnesota for pay and benefits. Unclassified employees are not represented by a union and serve at the pleasure of their employer. State law identifies employees and officials who are in the unclassified service (Minn. Stat, § 43A.08). These unclassified positions include, but are not limited to:

- legislators, constitutional officers, and judges;
- state agency commissioners, deputy commissioners, assistant commissioners, and confidential secretaries;
- staff in the office of the governor and lieutenant governor;
- legislative employees, except for most employees of the Office of the Legislative Auditor;
- officers and enlisted members of the Minnesota National Guard;
- members of the State Patrol; and
- most, if not all, judicial branch employees.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Appropriations for classified state employee salaries and benefits in event of nonappropriation.</p> <p>Appropriates money to compensate classified state employees in the event that legislation has not been enacted to pay for agency operations for the biennium beginning</p>

Section	Description
	<p>July 1. Limits appropriated dollars to the base level appropriated for the second year of the biennium ending June 30.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Appropriation; agencies. Appropriates one fiscal year of funding for classified employees in the executive branch (i.e., “agencies”).</p> <p>Subd. 2. Appropriation; legislature. Appropriates funding for classified employees in the legislative branch.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Appropriation; judicial branch. Appropriates funding for classified employees in the judicial branch.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Certification of amount for classified employees in the legislative and judicial branches. Requires legislative and judicial employers to certify to Minnesota Management and Budget the amount needed to pay salary and benefits for their classified employees. Requires MMB to make the certified amount available on July 1 or on a schedule that permits the employer to pay its classified employees in a timely manner.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Later appropriation. Provides that any subsequent appropriation for the same purposes will supersede and replace funding authorized under this section.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Cap. Limits funding appropriated under this section to the base level for the second year of the biennium ending June 30.</p>



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