

H.F. 2210

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Subject Unemployment Insurance Aid for Schools

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Overview

In 2023, the Legislature authorized unemployment insurance for hourly school employees for the summer term beginning with the summer of 2023. The legislature created an account in the special revenue fund to reimburse school districts for their unemployment costs (public schools are reimbursable employers, not experience rated employers, and pay the actual amount of their unemployment costs directly into the unemployment insurance system. The 2023 Legislature appropriated \$135 million for this purpose. These funds covered the amounts necessary for hourly workers claiming unemployment insurance during the 2023 and 2024 summer terms and will partially cover the costs for the summer term of 2025.

H.F. 2210 appropriates \$30 million in fiscal year 2026 to cover the estimated remaining costs for the summer of 2025 and \$70 million in fiscal year 2027 for the estimated costs for the summer of 2026. For special education paraprofessionals, payment of direct unemployment aid to school districts reduces the costs to the state's special education base budget since these amounts are funded directly.

H.F. 2210 also authorizes school districts to include summer term worker unemployment costs in their local unemployment insurance levy authority for fiscal years 2028 and later.

Summary

Section Description

1 Expiration.

Delays the expiration of the school unemployment insurance special revenue fund by one year from June 30, 2027, to June 30, 2028.

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2 Payment to unemployment insurance program trust fund by state and political subdivisions. [School Levy]

Beginning in fiscal year 2028, authorizes a school district to include the unemployment insurance costs for summer term hourly school employees in its annual unemployment insurance property tax levy. Excludes from this levy authority the unemployment costs attributable to special education paraprofessionals if the school district chooses to include those costs in the district's special education aid calculations.

3 Unemployment insurance report.

Requires the annual school summer term hourly worker unemployment aid report to separately report special education paraprofessionals from other school paraprofessionals.

4 Appropriation; school unemployment aid.

Appropriates \$30 million in fiscal year 2026 and \$70 million in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for transfer to the school unemployment aid special revenue account.



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