

**Subject** Unemployment benefits for certain school workers

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## Summary

This bill would allow certain school workers who are unemployed between school terms to qualify for unemployment benefits if they otherwise meet eligibility requirements. Currently certain contracted school workers, like bus drivers and hourly employees, cannot qualify for unemployment over the summer or between school terms. The bill would expand unemployment eligibility to school contractors regardless of the type of services they provide and school workers performing functions that do not require licenses from the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) or the Board of School Administrators (BOSA). The bill would not apply to professional licensed school staff such as teachers, principals, administrators, curriculum specialists, school nurses, librarians, or other school employees licensed by PELSB or BOSA.