

**Subject** Unemployment insurance: personal information protections for certain DEED employees

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## Summary

In 2024, the legislature passed laws prohibiting the dissemination of certain personal information regarding judges and court staff. See Laws 2024, ch. 123, art. 12; Minn. Stat. §§ 480.40-45; 13.991. Those laws define what personal information is protected, classify the information as private data when it is maintained by a government entity, provide a mechanism for judicial officials to seek deletion of personal information published online, and create civil and criminal remedies for violations. Those laws were amended in 2025 to add additional protections for the real property records of judicial officials. See Laws 2025, ch. 35, art. 9; Minn. Stat. § 480.50.

This bill amends the definition of “judicial official” for purposes of the laws discussed above. The definition of “judicial official” determines who receives personal information protections under those laws. The bill extends current protections to “current and retired judges and current employees of the . . . Department of Employment and Economic Development Unemployment Insurance and Paid Leave Divisions.”