

S.F. No. 32 – Unemployment benefits between terms for school employees (As proposed to be amended by the A-7 amendment)

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S.F. 32 modifies unemployment eligibility for certain school employees to allow those employees to receive unemployment benefits between school terms.

Section 1. Payment to unemployment insurance program trust fund by state and political subdivisions. [§ 126C.43, subdivision 2] Clarifies that a district must not include in its levy authority the costs associated with providing unemployment insurance to school employees under section 268.085, subdivision 7, paragraph (b).

Section 2. School employees; between terms denial. [§ 268.085, subdivision 7] Makes elementary and secondary school employees, working in other than instructional, research, or principal administrative capacities eligible for unemployment benefits between school terms if they otherwise meet unemployment eligibility requirements. Allows the use of wage credits for unemployment insurance benefit purposes between school terms. Makes technical and conforming changes to existing law clarifying that certain school employees continue to be eligible if there was an agreement in place and the educational institution failed to provide that employment, when unemployment benefits are denied and the circumstances entitle certain applicants to retroactive benefits, and that school employees continue to be ineligible for unemployment benefits during vacation or holiday recess periods.

This section has an **effective date** of May 28, 2023.

Section 3. Report. Requires the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Employment and Economic Development, to report to the legislature the annual reimbursable costs and number of hourly workers receiving unemployment insurance benefits during the summer term.

Section 4. Repealer. Repeals Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 268.085, subdivision 8 (Services for school contractors related to unemployment benefits).