S.F. No. 2188 – School unemployment aid appropriation (as proposed to be amended by the A-1 amendment)

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S.F. No. 2188 proposes to appropriate additional money from the state general fund for school unemployment aid payments to school districts. The bill also authorizes a school district to levy for certain unemployment costs of hourly school employees over the summer term beginning in fiscal year 2028.

Section 1. Expiration [of the school unemployment aid program]. Delays the expiration of the school unemployment aid program until June 30, 2028. (Any remaining balance in the school unemployment aid account in the special revenue fund following the final payment of school district aids for fiscal year 2027 would cancel to the general fund on that date.)

Sec. 2. Payment to unemployment insurance program trust fund by state and political subdivisions. Beginning in fiscal year 2028, authorizes a school district to levy for the amount necessary to pay unemployment insurance obligations, including for hourly school employees over the summer term, except that a district that levies for the unemployment costs for a special education paraprofessional must not also seek reimbursement for those same costs from state special education aid.

Sec. 3. Unemployment insurance report. Directs the Department of Education to separately report information about unemployment costs for special education paraprofessionals.

Sec. 4. Appropriation; school unemployment aid. Appropriates money from the general fund in fiscal year 2026 and 2027 for school unemployment aid. (Appropriations for school unemployment aid are statutorily transferred to the school unemployment aid account in the special revenue fund.)