

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS  
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6965**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 214**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 12, 2026  
**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 15, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Department of Workforce Development.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Gaskill  
**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Lawson

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill defines or amends certain terms. It codifies certain administrative rules with respect to:

- (1) experience accounts;
- (2) reporting;
- (3) contribution rates and payment;
- (4) seasonal workers;
- (5) benefit payments to the deceased;
- (6) part-time workers;
- (7) work searches;
- (8) partial unemployment;
- (9) the filing of claims;
- (10) interstate claimants;
- (11) administrative law proceedings; and
- (12) notice.

The bill also alters the powers of the Department of Workforce Development with respect to administrative cooperation agreements. It also changes when the DWD may issue a civil penalty with respect to unauthorized postsecondary proprietary educational institutions. It makes conforming changes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2026.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** DWD and other agencies involved in administrative rulemaking may have reduced workload related to promulgating and readopting administrative rules.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Proprietary Educational Institution Authorization Fund:* The bill may reduce state revenue to the Proprietary Educational Institution Authorization Fund for civil penalties paid by postsecondary proprietary educational institutions that did not obtain prior authorization to do business in Indiana. Under current law, an institution has 15 days after a written notice of violation is issued by DWD to obtain authorization before the penalty is assessed equal to \$100 per student who attends the

postsecondary proprietary educational institution and resides in Indiana. Under the bill, the penalty would be assessed if the institution had not initiated the authorization process within 15 days of the written notice of a violation being issued.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Workforce Development.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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