

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

LS 6965
BILL NUMBER: SB 214

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 17, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Feb 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Department of Workforce Development.

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

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
 X DEDICATED
 X 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.

Additional Information - The changes limiting direct deposits of unemployment benefits to approved financial institutions and those with a physical branch in the state may help prevent fraud.

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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