

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

**Measure: SB 722 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Establishes the State Benefits for Federal Workers Fund and appropriates funds to the Employment Department to cover benefits and costs necessary to administer a benefit program that provides state-funded unemployment benefits to certain individuals.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Employment Department (OED)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure is indeterminate, at this time - See analysis.

**Analysis:**

SB 722 A-Engrossed appropriates \$1 General Fund to the Employment Department and establishes the State Benefits for Federal Workers Fund to cover benefits and costs necessary to administer a program to provide state-funded unemployment benefits to federal active duty military service members and federal civilian employees who cannot receive benefits under the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) or Unemployment Compensation for Ex-service members (UCX) programs. The bill requires workers to repay these benefits if they subsequently receive backpay. The bill authorizes the Employment Department to collect overpayments using the same tools the agency uses to recover other types of overpayments.

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate depending on the likelihood, timing, and duration of a federal shutdown furlough as well as the number of eligible affected workers seeking unemployment benefits in the event of such a furlough. The bill stipulates that payment of these benefits are dependent on future appropriations to fund this program. The Legislative Fiscal Office assumes that the Employment Department will seek General Fund support from the Emergency Board or Legislative Assembly in the event of such a furlough.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State’s General Fund.