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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 762, L.D. 1012, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Employment Security Law to Include Federal Requirements and other Options Available to the State."

Amend the Amendment in section 21 by striking out all of paragraphs B and C.

Further amend the amendment by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Fiscal Note

Depending on whether the State, municipalities and local school administrative units choose to be taxpaying contributors to the unemployment fund, pay at a fixed rate, or reimbursing contributors to the unemployment fund, pay for each of their employees who draw on the fund, the cost^{of this amendment} to the General Fund for 1978-79 is estimated to be from approximately \$1,145,000, reimbursing option, to \$1,606,800, taxpaying option.

These costs are generally for fiscal year 1978-79 and for fiscal year 1979-80. The cost will likely increase significantly due to a reduction in federal reimbursements during the transition period. For example, assuming the reimbursement option were chosen by all employers, the increased cost in 1979-80 might be as much as \$400,000.

This analysis is based on estimates by the Department of Manpower Affairs as to how many people might be applying.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to delete 2 restrictions on eligibility for unemployment benefits. Specifically, this amendment accomplishes the following:

1. Deletion of paragraph B: Unless they have written reasonable assurance that they have a job, non-professional employees in secondary and primary schools will be eligible for unemployment benefits between school terms, i.e., the summer break; and

2. Deletion of paragraph C: Unless they have written reasonable assurance that they have a job, all professional college or lower education employees and all non-professional secondary and primary school employees will be eligible for unemployment benefits over school vacations.

Filed by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook.

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