



SENATE BILL 217-EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Summary of Changes 34-GS2585 ver. A to ver. G

Section 1: New section, amends AS 12.62.400(a) as a conforming change for new Sec. 6 requiring background checks for Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) instructors.

Section 2: New section, amends AS 23.15.630(a) to increase the employee contribution to the State Training and Employment Program from 0.1 to 0.2 percent of the taxable wages.

Section 3: Redrafted Sec. 2 to remove reference to the employee contribution to unemployment that is being repealed in new Sec. 13 to conform with the Legislative Drafting manual.

Section 4: Renumbered original Sec. 1.

Section 5: New section, amends AS 23.15.835(a) to remove reference to the employee contribution to unemployment that is being repealed in new Sec. 13.

Section 6: New section, amends AS 23.15 to add a new section requiring background checks for AVTEC instructors.

Section 7: New section, amends AS 23.20.135(b) to remove reference to the employee contribution to unemployment that is being repealed in new Sec. 13.

Section 8: Renumbered original Sec. 2 is amended to change the employer contribution from 73 percent of the unemployment system costs to 100 percent of the system cost effective January 1, 2027. This is necessary due to the repeal of the employee contribution to unemployment in new Sec. 13.

Section 9: New section, amends AS 23.20.350(d) to increase the maximum weekly UI benefits to \$470.00 per week.

Section 10: New section, amends AS 23.20.350 to index the maximum weekly UI benefits to the percentage change in wages each year.

Section 11: New section, amends AS 23.20.526(a)(23) exempting high school and amateur sports officials from unemployment insurance.

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Section 12: New section, amends AS 23.30.240(a) adding that certain other persons who own at least 10 percent of a corporation who are not considered employees of the corporation and are exempt from Workers' Compensation.

Section 13: New section, repeals the employee contribution to unemployment in AS 23.20.290(d), and makes conforming repeals to AS 23.15.630(b) and AS 23.15.835(b) to remove references in the training program statutes regarding credited the employee's contribution to unemployment.

Section 14: New section, dictates that changes in Sec. 2 would only apply to contracts entered into on or after the effective date of Sec. 2.

Section 15: New section, adds transition language that allows time to facilitate the AVTEC Instructor background checks.

Section 16: New section, instructs the department to submit for federal approval, the language in sections 3-5, 7-11, and 13.

Section 17: Conditional Effective Date Section. Establishes sections 3-5, 7-11, and 13 take effect only if approved by the U.S. Secretary of Labor on or before July 1, 2027.

Section 18: Effective date clause for sections 3-5, 7-11, and 13. These sections take effect on January 1, 2027, or the day after approval by the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is later.

Section 19: Immediate effective date for Sec. 16.

Section 20. Renumbered original Sec. 3 bill effective date of January 1, 2027, amended to exclude new sections 18 and 19.