

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5671

As of February 17, 1995

Title: An act relating to industrial insurance compensation for school employees.

Brief Description: Determining industrial insurance compensation for school employees.

Sponsors: Senators Newhouse, A. Anderson and Deccio.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Trade: 2/20/95.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & TRADE

Staff: Max Williams (786-7439)

Background: Industrial insurance benefits are determined based on an employee's average monthly wage. A school employee's term of employment is typically less than 12 months, although his or her contracted salary may be spread out over 12 months.

For school employees, the Department of Labor and Industries calculates the monthly wage for industrial insurance benefit determinations according to the contract monthly wage, regardless of whether the employee is paid over the term of the contract or over the entire year.

Summary of Bill: In a manner similar to seasonal workers, the monthly wage for industrial insurance benefits for school employees is calculated by dividing the total wages earned in any 12 successive months, from all employment, by 12.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.