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House Bill No. 7041

House of Representatives, May 8, 2001

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE LABOR DEPARTMENT, THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS AND THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) The Labor Commissioner shall review the
2 functions and activities of the Labor Department in order to evaluate
3 the cost and effectiveness of such functions and activities and assign
4 priority for their continued funding. The commissioner shall submit
5 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
6 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
7 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later than
8 February 20, 2002, and annually thereafter.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) The director of the Office of Workforce
10 Competitiveness shall review the functions and activities of the office
11 in order to evaluate the cost and effectiveness of such functions and
12 activities and assign priority for their continued funding. The director

13 shall submit findings and recommendations to the joint standing
14 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
15 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later
16 than February 20, 2002, and annually thereafter.

17 Sec. 3. (NEW) The chairperson of the Workers' Compensation
18 Commission shall review (1) the functions and activities of the
19 Workers' Compensation Commission in order to evaluate the cost and
20 effectiveness of such functions and activities and assign priority for
21 their continued funding, and (2) the purposes for which the resources
22 of the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund are expended in
23 order to determine the most appropriate uses for such resources. The
24 chairperson shall submit findings and recommendations to the joint
25 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
26 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not
27 later than February 20, 2002, and annually thereafter.

APP *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Worker's Compensation Commission,
Department of Labor, Office of Workforce
Competitiveness

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

The bill requires the chairperson of the Workers' Compensation Commission to review (1) the functions and activities of the agency and assign priority for the funding of its programs and (2) the programs and expenditures of the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund to determine the most appropriate uses for such resources. The chairperson is required to report his or her findings to the Appropriations Committee by February 20, 2002, and annually thereafter. This will not result in any additional cost to this agency because it already reports on these issues to the Appropriations Committee on an annual basis.

The bill requires the Director of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness to review the functions and activities of the office in order to evaluate the cost and effectiveness of such functions, activities and to assign priority for their continued funding. There is no fiscal

impact to the office from this bill. They report these requirements to the Appropriations committee on an annual basis through the budgeting process.

The bill also requires the Labor commissioner to review the functions and cost effectiveness of these activities and report their findings to the General Assembly. There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Labor. They report these findings annually to the Appropriations committee.

OFA Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE LABOR DEPARTMENT, THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS AND THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND.**SUMMARY:**

The bill requires (1) the Commissioner of the Labor Department, (2) the director of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, and (3) the chairperson of the Workers' Compensation Commission to review the functions and activities of their agencies in order to evaluate the cost and effectiveness of such functions and activities and assign priority for their continued funding. In addition, the bill requires the chairperson of the Workers' Compensation Commission to review the purposes for which the resources of the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund are expended in order to determine the most appropriate uses for such resources. They are required to submit findings and recommendations to the Appropriations Committee no later than February 20, 2002, and annually thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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