



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6994

House of Representatives, May 3, 2005

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th 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) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Labor Commissioner
2 shall review the functions and activities of the Labor Department in
3 order to evaluate the cost and effectiveness of such functions and
4 activities and assign priority for their continued funding. The
5 commissioner shall submit findings and recommendations to the joint
6 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
7 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not
8 later than January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The director of the Office of
10 Workforce Competitiveness shall review the functions and activities of
11 the office in order to evaluate the cost and effectiveness of such
12 functions and activities and assign priority for their continued

13 funding. The director shall submit findings and recommendations to
14 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
15 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of
16 state agencies not later than January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter.

17 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The chairman of the Workers'
18 Compensation Commission shall review (1) the functions and activities
19 of the Workers' Compensation Commission in order to evaluate the
20 cost and effectiveness of such functions and activities and assign
21 priority for their continued funding, and (2) the purposes for which the
22 resources of the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund are
23 expended in order to determine the most appropriate uses for such
24 resources. The chairman shall submit findings and recommendations
25 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
26 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of
27 state agencies not later than January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Labor Dept.; Workforce Competitiveness, Off.; Workers' Compensation Com.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which requires the Labor Department, the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, and the Workers' Compensation Commission to conduct studies of their operations in order to evaluate their effectiveness and report such findings to the General Assembly, has no fiscal impact to the state.

OFA Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The bill requires the Labor Department, the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, and the Workers' Compensation Commission to evaluate their activities to determine their cost effectiveness and assign funding priorities and to report such findings to the Appropriations Committee by January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1 , 2005

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 36 Nay 14