



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 7417

House of Representatives, May 7, 2007

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, 2007*) 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, 2008, and annually thereafter.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) 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, 2008, and annually thereafter.

17 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The chairperson 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 chairperson shall submit findings and
 25 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
 26 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
 27 the budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2008, and
 28 annually thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</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 chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OFA Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The bill requires the Labor Commissioner, the director of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, and the chairperson of the Workers' Compensation Commission to evaluate the cost and effectiveness of their respective agency's activities and prioritize their continued funding. Findings and recommendations must be submitted to General Assembly committees handling appropriations and agency budgets by January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 50 Nay 0 (04/17/2007)