



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 1029

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The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING APPEALS BY WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONERS OF DECISIONS OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL.

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

1 Section 1. Section 51-51r of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Any judge, compensation commissioner or family support
4 magistrate aggrieved by any decision of the Judicial Review Council
5 may appeal the decision to the Supreme Court in accordance with such
6 procedure for the appeal as the Supreme Court shall adopt by rule.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	51-51r
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JUD 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 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Judicial Dept.; Attorney General	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The Office of the Attorney General, which would represent the Judicial Review Council in these matters, would not require additional resources. Likewise, the Judicial Department would not require additional resources to hear potential appeals under the bill.

The Out Years

There is no fiscal impact in the out years.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1029*****AN ACT CONCERNING APPEALS BY WORKERS'
COMPENSATION COMMISSIONERS OF DECISIONS OF THE
JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes workers' compensation commissioners to appeal a decision by the Judicial Review Council (JRC) to the Supreme Court under rules the Supreme Court adopts. By law, judges and family support magistrates can appeal JRC decisions in this manner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage.

BACKGROUND***Judicial Review Council***

The JRC investigates complaints against judges, compensation commissioners, and family support magistrates. If it finds probable cause that such an official violated certain standards of conduct, it holds a hearing. If the JRC finds the official guilty of the conduct, it can impose discipline.

The JRC also makes recommendations about the reappointment of judges, compensation commissioners, and family support magistrates and reports on complaints and investigations about these officials.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 40 Nay 0 (03/27/2009)