



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 57**

January Session, 2017

House Bill No. 6902

*House of Representatives, March 13, 2017*

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. PORTER of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-98 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 (a) The panel, or its single member if sitting in accordance with  
4 section 31-93, may, in its discretion and with the consent of the parties,  
5 issue an oral decision immediately upon conclusion of the  
6 proceedings. If the decision is to be in writing, it shall be signed, within  
7 fifteen days, by a majority of the members of the panel or by the single  
8 member so sitting, and the decision shall state such details as will  
9 clearly show the nature of the decision and the points disposed of by  
10 the panel. Where the decision is in writing, one copy thereof shall be  
11 filed by the panel in the office of the town clerk in the town where the  
12 controversy arose and one copy shall be given to each of the parties to  
13 the controversy. The panel or single member which has rendered an  
14 oral decision immediately upon conclusion of the proceedings shall

15 submit a written copy of the decision to each party within fifteen days  
 16 from the issuance of such oral decision. In all cases where a decision is  
 17 rendered orally from the bench, the secretary shall cause such oral  
 18 decision to be transcribed, approved by the panel or single member as  
 19 applicable and filed with the records of the board proceedings.

20 (b) Upon the conclusion of the proceedings, each member of the  
 21 panel shall receive three hundred twenty-five dollars and a panel  
 22 member who prepares a written decision shall receive an additional  
 23 one hundred seventy-five dollars, or the single member, if sitting in  
 24 accordance with section 31-93, shall receive three hundred twenty-five  
 25 dollars, provided if the proceedings extend beyond one day, each  
 26 member shall receive one hundred fifty dollars for each additional day  
 27 beyond the first day, and provided further no proceeding may be  
 28 extended beyond two days without the prior approval of the Labor  
 29 Commissioner for each such additional day.

30 (c) Upon the conclusion of an executive panel session, each member  
 31 of such panel shall receive [one hundred fifty] two hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	31-98

**LAB**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 18 \$	FY 19 \$
Labor Dept.	GF - Cost	10,300	13,750

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill increases, from \$150 to \$200, the fee each member of the Board of Mediation and Arbitration receives for an executive panel session. This results in a cost of approximately \$10,300 in FY 18 (partial year) and \$13,750 annually thereafter to the Labor Department. This estimate is based on agency data indicating that approximately 92 executive panel sessions were held annually over the past three fiscal years, with three members participating in each session.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of executive panel sessions held each year.

Sources: Labor Department statistics

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

This bill increases, from \$150 to \$200, the pay members of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration receive after concluding an executive panel session. (In general, arbitrators hold an executive panel session to make a decision after the last hearing or briefing in a grievance arbitration case.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13    Nay 0    (03/02/2017)