



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 7037

House of Representatives, March 16, 2017

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. ABERCROMBIE of the 83rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING WITHHOLDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION INCOME FOR CHILD SUPPORT.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (k) of section 52-362 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *January 1, 2018*):

4 (k) The employer shall notify promptly the dependent or Support
5 Enforcement Services as directed when the obligor terminates
6 employment, makes a claim for workers' compensation benefits or
7 makes a claim for unemployment compensation benefits and shall
8 provide the obligor's last-known address and the name and address of
9 the obligor's new employer, if known. When the obligor makes a claim
10 for workers' compensation benefits, the employer shall include a copy
11 of any order for withholding received by the employer for the obligor
12 with the employer's first report of occupational illness or injury to the
13 employer's workers' compensation benefits carrier, and such benefits

- 14 carrier shall withhold funds pursuant to the withholding order and
15 pay any sums withheld as required by subsection (f) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2018	52-362(k)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The title was changed for clarity.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill involves private employers and does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING WITHHOLDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION INCOME FOR CHILD SUPPORT.

SUMMARY

This bill requires employers whose employees are subject to an income withholding order for child support to take additional steps when such employees make claims for workers' compensation benefits.

By law, when an employee under an income withholding order for child support makes such a claim, his or her employer must promptly notify the dependent (i.e., spouse, former spouse, or child owed the support) or the Judicial Branch's Support Enforcement Services as directed. Under the bill, when such an employee makes a claim for workers' compensation benefits, employers must also include a copy of the income withholding order with the first report of occupational illness or injury to the workers' compensation carrier. The carrier must withhold funds pursuant to the order and pay the withheld funds to the Department of Social Services' Office of Child Support Services. By law, the office must ensure that it distributes the withheld funds to the dependent, state, or support enforcement agency of another state, as appropriate, within two business days of receipt.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/03/2017)