
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5235

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONTENT OF REPORTS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SUMMARY

By law, the claims commissioner must submit two reports within five days of the General Assembly convening for regular session. She must submit a report on (1) all decided claims and (2) undisposed claims, for which the General Assembly may consider certain actions (including granting the claim or an extension).

This bill requires the report on all claims made to be for the preceding calendar year and include the following information for that year:

1. the total number of new claims filed;
2. the total number of claims disposed of, dismissed, and denied;
3. a description of each order of immediate payment of a just claim in an amount not exceeding \$35,000, including the claimant's name, the amount he or she was paid, and the reasoning for the payment; and
4. the total number of claimants who were authorized to sue the state.

By law, the claims commissioner must report on claims that remain undisposed for two years following the filing date or any granted extension. For the undisposed claims report, the bill requires it to also include:

1. an explanation on why the claim has not been disposed of, and
2. the date a decision will be given on the claim if the General

Assembly grants an extension of time to dispose of it.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

BACKGROUND

Claims Against the State

Sovereign immunity limits when someone can sue the state. Some statutes authorize a person to sue the state in court for certain types of cases but, in most instances, someone who wishes to sue the state must instead file a claim with the claims commissioner.

The commissioner must decide whether to (1) deny or dismiss the claim, (2) grant the claimant permission to sue the state, (3) award a claimant up to \$35,000, or (4) recommend that the General Assembly approve an award of a higher amount.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 39 Nay 0 (04/04/2022)