
OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5251*****AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR DISPATCHERS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill extends “portal-to-portal” workers’ compensation coverage to telecommunicators (i.e., 9-1-1 emergency dispatchers) in two situations: (1) when responding to a direct order to appear at their work assignment when nonessential employees are excused from working or (2) after working two or more mandatory overtime shifts on consecutive days.

With “portal-to-portal” coverage, an injury that occurs while the employee is travelling directly between his or her home and workplace is deemed to have occurred in the course of the employee’s employment, making him or her eligible to receive workers’ compensation benefits for the injury. Current law provides portal-to-portal coverage to police officers and firefighters and, under the same limited circumstances that the bill applies to dispatchers, Department of Correction employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/10/2022)