

AN ACT

To amend section 4121.06 of the Revised Code to revise the meeting requirements of the Services Committee of the Workers' Compensation System and to make appropriations for the Industrial Commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 4121.06 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4121.06. (A) There is hereby created the services committee of the workers' compensation system, consisting of one member of the bureau of workers' compensation appointed by the administrator of workers' compensation, one member of the industrial commission, appointed by the chairperson of the commission, and one member appointed by the governor, who shall serve as ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the committee.

(B) The committee shall meet ~~at least monthly and other times~~ upon the request of the chairperson of the commission or the administrator, ~~or at the call of the chairman~~. The committee shall:

(1) Provide a formal avenue to coordinate the provision of data processing, mail room, and facilities management services between the bureau and the commission;

(2) Resolve conflicts between the bureau and commission;

(3) Assure that the bureau and commission data processing and facilities needs are coordinated and integrated.

SECTION 2. That existing section 4121.06 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. All items in this section are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all

appropriations made in this section, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2000, and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2001.

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<u>FND</u>	<u>ALI</u>	<u>ALI TITLE</u>		<u>FY 2000</u>		<u>FY 2001</u>
Workers' Compensation Fund Group						
023	845-321	Operating Expenses	\$	44,553,579	\$	45,040,356
023	845-410	Attorney General Payments	\$	2,955,424	\$	3,020,270
023	845-402	Rent - William Green Building	\$	4,791,355	\$	4,982,679
821	845-605	Service Account	\$	150,000	\$	150,000
TOTAL WCF Workers' Compensation Fund Group			\$	52,450,358	\$	53,193,305
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$	52,450,358	\$	53,193,305

Rent - William Green Building

The foregoing appropriation item 845-402, Rent - William Green Building, shall be used for rent and operating expenses for the space occupied by the Industrial Commission in the William Green Building.

Service Account

The foregoing appropriation item 845-605, Service Account, shall be used for any expense related to revenues collected and deposited in Fund 821, such as coin copier expense, coin changer purchases, expenses related to conferences that produce revenue, publications that produce revenue, and replacement of furniture and equipment.

SECTION 4.

Accounting

Within the limits set forth in this act, the Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation made in this act and shall determine the form and manner in which appropriation accounts shall be maintained.

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all provisions of the main operating appropriations act of the 123rd General Assembly that are generally applicable to such appropriations.

SECTION 5.

Reissuance of Voided Warrants

In order to provide funds for the reissuance of voided warrants pursuant to section 117.47 of the Revised Code, there is hereby appropriated, out of moneys in the state treasury from the fund credited as provided in section 117.47 of the Revised Code, that amount sufficient to pay such warrants when approved by the Office of Budget and Management.

SECTION 6.

Judgments Against State

Any appropriations contained in this act, except those to be applied to or used for payment of guarantees by or on behalf of the state or for debt service on bonds, notes, or certificates of participation, may be used for the purpose of satisfying judgments, settlements, or administrative awards ordered or approved by the Court of Claims or any other court of competent jurisdiction in connection with civil actions against the state.

SECTION 7.

Reappropriation of Unexpended Balances

Notwithstanding section 131.33 of the Revised Code, unexpended balances of appropriations and reappropriations against which encumbrances have been lawfully incurred by the Industrial Commission are, at the close of fiscal years 1999 and 2000, to the extent of such encumbrances, hereby reappropriated from the funds from which they were originally appropriated and reappropriated and, except for encumbrances for items of special order manufacture not available on term contract or open market, made available for the purpose of discharging such encumbrances for a period of five months from the end of the fiscal year. Unexpended balances of appropriations and reappropriations against which encumbrances for items of special order manufacture not available on term contract or in the open market have been lawfully incurred are, at the close of the fiscal year, to the extent of such encumbrances, hereby reappropriated and made available for the purpose of discharging such encumbrances for a period of five months from the end of the fiscal year or, if the Director of Budget and Management approves, for a period of not more than twelve months from the end of the fiscal year.

Any items for which unexpended balances are reappropriated beyond a five-month period from the end of the fiscal year shall be reported to the Controlling Board by the Director of Budget and Management. The report on each such item shall include the item, the cost of the item, the vendor involved, and the delivery date. Such reports to the board shall be updated on a quarterly basis while the encumbrance remains open.

After any such period, reappropriations made for the purpose of discharging encumbrances for operating expenses, defined as those encumbrances incurred for personal services, maintenance, and equipment, are canceled. Reappropriations for encumbrances other than operating

expenses or items of special manufacture not available on term contract or in the open market may be extended by obtaining the approval of the Director of Budget and Management.

SECTION 8.

Responsibilities of the Chairperson

The Chairperson of the Industrial Commission shall, on or before January 31, 2000, and subsequently on or before July 31, 2000, January 31, 2001, and July 31, 2001, prepare and present a report to the chairperson and ranking members of the standing committees of the House of Representatives and Senate to which matters dealing with workers' compensation and the Industrial Commission are normally referred, and to ranking members of both committees. Each report shall contain information relative to the number of cases disposed of in the preceding six-month period, the number of cases pending, and the number of cases on appeal as well as the efforts the Commission has made in maintaining and improving communication with the Administrator of Workers' Compensation and the Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

SECTION 9.

Independent and Severable Items

If any item of law that constitutes the whole or part of a codified or uncodified section of law contained in this act, or if any application of any item of law that constitutes the whole or part of a codified or uncodified section of law contained in this act, is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other items of law or applications of items of law that can be given effect without the invalid item of law or application. To this end, the items of law of which the codified and uncodified sections of law contained in this act are composed, and their applications, are independent and severable.

SECTION 10.

Effective Date

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this act, the uncodified sections of law contained in this act, and the items of law of which the uncodified sections of law contained in this act are composed, are not subject to the referendum. Therefore, under Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 1d and section 1.471 of the Revised Code, the uncodified sections of law contained in this act, and the items of law of which the uncodified sections of law contained in this act are composed, go into immediate effect when this act becomes law.

Speaker _____ of the House of Representatives.

President _____ of the Senate.

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

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The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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