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H. B. No. 75

Representative Oelslager

A BILL

To make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' 1
Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2
2021, and ending June 30, 2023, and to provide 3
authorization and conditions for the operation 4
of the Bureau's programs. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 6
out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the 7
designated fund. For all appropriations made in this act, those 8
in the first column are for fiscal year 2022, and those in the 9
second column are for fiscal year 2023. The appropriations made 10
in this act are in addition to any other appropriations made for 11
the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. 12

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A BWC BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

B Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

C	7023	855407	Claims, Risk and Medical Management	\$118,006,090	\$121,583,115
D	7023	855408	Fraud Prevention	\$15,936,735	\$18,011,577
E	7023	855409	Administrative Services	\$124,325,665	\$129,108,432
F	7023	855410	Attorney General Payments	\$6,080,080	\$6,080,080
G	8220	855606	Coal Workers' Fund	\$190,090	\$190,100
H	8230	855608	Marine Industry	\$79,273	\$79,276
I	8250	855605	Disabled Workers Relief Fund	\$197,612	\$197,621
J	8260	855609	Safety and Hygiene Operating	\$25,343,000	\$25,085,000
K	8260	855610	Safety Grants	\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000
L	8260	855611	Health and Safety Initiative	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
M	8260	855612	Safety Campaign	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
N	8260	855613	Research Grants	\$3,000,000	\$1,000,000
O	8260	855618	Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program	\$3,500,000	\$4,000,000
P	8260	855619	Safety and Health Center of Excellence	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000

Q	TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$351,158,545	\$359,835,201
R	Federal Fund Group		
S	3490 855601 OSHA Enforcement	\$1,869,212	\$1,876,338
T	3FW0 855614 BLS SOII Grant	\$195,104	\$195,104
U	TOTAL FED Federal Fund Group	\$2,064,316	\$2,071,442
V	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$353,222,861	\$361,906,643

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD UNIT 14

Of the foregoing appropriation item 855410, Attorney 15
 General Payments, \$828,200 in each fiscal year shall be used to 16
 fund the expenses of the Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit within 17
 the Attorney General's Office. These payments shall be processed 18
 at the beginning of each quarter of each fiscal year and 19
 deposited into the Workers' Compensation Section Fund (Fund 20
 1950) used by the Attorney General. 21

SAFETY AND HYGIENE 22

Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of the Revised Code, the 23
 Treasurer of State shall remit \$25,343,000 cash in fiscal year 24
 2022 and \$25,085,000 cash in fiscal year 2023 from the State 25
 Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety 26
 and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260). 27

SAFETY GRANTS 28

Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of the Revised Code, the 29
 Treasurer of State shall remit \$35,000,000 cash in fiscal year 30
 2022 and \$35,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2023 from the State 31
 Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety 32

and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260) to be used for Safety Grants. 33

HEALTH AND SAFETY INITIATIVE 34

Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of Revised Code, the 35
Treasurer of State shall remit \$3,000,000 cash in fiscal year 36
2022 and \$3,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2023 from the State 37
Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety 38
and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260). These amounts shall be used under 39
appropriation item 855611, Health and Safety Initiative, for the 40
purpose of creating and operating a health and wellness program. 41

SAFETY CAMPAIGN 42

Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of the Revised Code, the 43
Treasurer of State shall remit \$1,500,000 cash in fiscal year 44
2022 and \$1,500,000 cash in fiscal year 2023 from the State 45
Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety 46
and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260). These amounts shall be used under 47
appropriation item 855612, Safety Campaign, for the purpose of 48
creating and operating a statewide safety awareness and 49
education campaign. 50

FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS 51

The foregoing appropriation item 855609, Safety and 52
Hygiene Operating, may be used to provide the state match for 53
federal grant funding received by the Division of Safety and 54
Hygiene. 55

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION 56

The Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Opportunities 57
for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency may enter into an 58
interagency agreement for the provision of vocational 59
rehabilitation services and staff to mutually eligible clients. 60

The Bureau may provide funds from the State Insurance Fund to 61
fund vocational rehabilitation services and staff in accordance 62
with the interagency agreement. 63

RESEARCH GRANTS 64

Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of the Revised Code, the 65
Treasurer of State shall remit \$3,000,000 cash in fiscal year 66
2022 and \$1,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2023 from the State 67
Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety 68
and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260). These amounts shall be used under 69
appropriation item 855613, Research Grants, for the purpose of 70
creating and operating the occupational safety and health 71
research program. 72

SUBSTANCE USE RECOVERY AND WORKPLACE SAFETY PROGRAM 73

Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of the Revised Code, the 74
Treasurer of State shall remit \$3,500,000 cash in fiscal year 75
2022 and \$4,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2023 from the State 76
Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety 77
and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260). These amounts shall be used under 78
appropriation item 855618, Substance Use Recovery and Workplace 79
Safety Program, for the purpose of creating and operating the 80
opioid workplace safety program. 81

SAFETY AND HEALTH CENTER OF EXCELLENCE 82

Notwithstanding section 4121.37 of the Revised Code, the 83
Treasurer of State shall remit \$15,000,000 cash in fiscal year 84
2022 and \$15,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2023 from the State 85
Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the Safety 86
and Hygiene Fund (Fund 8260). These amounts shall be used under 87
appropriation item 855619, Safety and Health Center of 88
Excellence, for the purpose of creating a center of excellence 89

at the Ohio Center of Occupational Safety and Health.	90
ADMINISTRATIVE COST FUND	91
Notwithstanding section 4123.341 of the Revised Code, the	92
Treasurer of State shall remit up to \$25,000,000 cash in fiscal	93
year 2022 and \$25,000,000 cash in fiscal year 2023 from the	94
State Insurance Fund to the state treasury to the credit of the	95
Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund 7023).	96
Section 2. DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR BWC AND OIC	97
FUNDING	98
To pay for the FY 2022 costs related to the Deputy	99
Inspector General for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and	100
Industrial Commission, on July 1, 2021, and January 1, 2022, or	101
as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and	102
Management shall transfer \$212,500 cash from the Workers'	103
Compensation Fund (Fund 7023) to the Deputy Inspector General	104
for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and Industrial	105
Commission Fund (Fund 5FT0).	106
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If additional amounts are needed, the Inspector General	115
may seek Controlling Board approval for additional transfers of	116
cash and to increase the amount appropriated in appropriation	117
item 965604, Deputy Inspector General for the Bureau of Workers'	118

Compensation and Industrial Commission.	119
Section 3. Law contained in the Main Operating	120
Appropriations Act of the 134th General Assembly that applies	121
generally to the appropriations made in that act also applies	122
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Section 4. The provisions of law contained in this act,	124
and their applications, are severable. If any provision of law	125
contained in this act, or if any application of any provision of	126
law contained in this act, is held invalid, the invalidity does	127
not affect other provisions of law contained in this act and	128
their applications that can be given effect without the invalid	129
provision or application.	130
Section 5. Sections 1 to 5 of this act are exempt from the	131
referendum under Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 1d and	132
section 1.471 of the Revised Code and therefore take effect	133
immediately when this act becomes law.	134