

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator**, the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Insurance**, and the **Department of Social Services** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DOL)** assume this proposal would lead to an increased number of medical fee dispute cases seeking direct payment. The anticipated increase in cases would have an impact on the Division of Workers Compensation and the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission. DOL officials stated the cost would be unknown but expected to be less than \$100,000 per year.

**Oversight** assumes that a small increase in the number of disputed cases could be absorbed with existing resources. If unanticipated costs or an unexpected increase in the number of contested cases is experienced, resources could be requested through the budget process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would amend requirements for workers' compensation benefit payments. If the compensation for an injury has been reduced, no reduction shall be made in payments to hospitals, physicians, or other health care providers for services rendered to cure and relieve the effects of the injury. The reduction would be taken from the total death and disability compensation award.

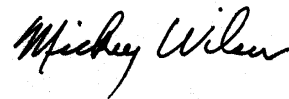
The proposal would also provide for damages to be paid to an employee, if collection of medical costs was pursued by or on behalf of a health care provider before a final determination of the compensation status of the employee's health care costs.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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