

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION (0390)

FISCAL YEAR 2019

AS ENACTED BY ACT 85 OF 2018

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) administers and enforces the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Law to ensure that all covered employers secure insurance coverage from commercial carriers or through self-insurance programs and adjudicates all work related injury claims by employees against their employers or insurance carriers. The WCC laws are designed to protect employers, employees, and their dependents from financial burdens imposed by job-related injury and disease. In addition, the AWCC regulates workers' compensation awards to insure that benefit providers make correct and timely payments to eligible claimants.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation for the Commission is \$33,446,093 in FY2019.

FUNDING SOURCES

The appropriations for the WCC are funded by a 3% premium tax on workers' compensation insurance premiums (credited to 3 Trust Funds: Second Injury Trust Fund (receives 0.2% of the tax), Death and Permanent Total Disability Trust Fund (receives 1.3%), and the Workers' Compensation Fund (receives 1.5%) and Cash Funds from seminar receipts (approximately .06% of total WCC funding).

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

ADMINISTRATION (APPROPRIATION 355)

This appropriation is funded by Premium Tax proceeds levied on workers' compensation insurance premiums and is used to provide operating expenses for the administrative and judicial functions of the Commission. The total appropriation is and \$11,461,596 in FY2019 and includes the following changes:

Computer Software/Hardware - Decrease of \$41,500 from FY18 as that funding was one time in FY18 for a new telephone system, servers, and desktop computers per the Commission's IT Plan.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions FY2019: 115

Total Positions FY2018: 115

Increase / (Decrease) over Base Level: 0

Extra Help Positions FY2019: 2 (Total FY2018 Authorized Extra Help: 2)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

INVESTMENTS: Authorizes funds in the Death and Permanent Total Disability Trust Fund, Second Injury Trust Fund, and Workers' Compensation Trust Fund to be invested and reinvested in all such investments authorized for use by the Office of Treasurer, and provides the investments will be completed by fund transfer as

directed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Workers' Compensation Commission.

REFUND TO EXPENDITURE: The proceeds from travel expense reimbursement by the Commission shall be deposited into the same State Treasury fund or Fund account from which those travel expenditures was incurred as a refund to expenditure to the credit of the appropriation line from which the original expenditure was made.

FUND TRANSFERS: After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer, the Director of the Worker's Compensation Commission is authorized to transfer funds from the Second Injury Trust Fund to the Death and Total Disability Trust Fund and/or the Workers' Compensation Trust Fund.