



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Substitute Bill No. 828



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
2 group to study the workers' compensation program. Such study shall
3 include an examination of ways to (1) streamline such program,
4 including, but not limited to, updating the workers' compensation
5 electronic filing system, including the reporting triggers and
6 mechanisms, (2) reduce prior authorization delays, and (3) reduce
7 fraudulent claims.

8 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

10 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

11 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
12 Representatives;

13 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

14 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
15 Representatives;

16 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

17 (7) The chairperson of the Workers' Compensation Commission, or
18 the chairperson's designee.

19 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision
20 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
21 of the General Assembly.

22 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
23 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
24 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

25 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
26 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the working group
27 from among the members of the working group. Such chairpersons shall
28 schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not
29 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

30 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
31 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and
32 public employees shall serve as administrative staff of the working
33 group.

34 (g) Not later than January 1, 2026, the working group shall submit a
35 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
36 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
37 relating to labor and public employees, in accordance with the
38 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group
39 shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2026,
40 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (b)(7), "commissioner's designee" was changed to "chairperson's designee" for accuracy.

LAB *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*