

Workers' Compensation Commission

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 15	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19
Workers' Compensation Fund	117	117	117	109	109	117	117

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 15	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19
Personal Services	9,338,005	9,313,544	10,240,361	9,905,669	9,905,669	10,268,099	10,240,361
Other Expenses	2,183,416	2,922,910	3,819,747	2,111,669	2,449,666	2,321,765	2,659,765
Equipment	124,891	-	41,000	1	1	1	1
Other Current Expenses							
Fringe Benefits	6,944,247	7,209,830	8,192,289	7,931,229	7,931,229	8,214,479	8,192,289
Indirect Overhead	244,904	464,028	398,322	291,637	291,637	291,637	291,637
Nonfunctional - Change to Accruals	65,038	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agency Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	18,900,501	19,910,312	22,691,719	20,240,205	20,578,202	21,095,981	21,384,053
Additional Funds Available							
Carry Forward Workers' Compensation Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,040,770	-
Private Contributions	-	102,963	103,072	103,072	103,072	103,072	103,072
Agency Grand Total	18,900,501	20,013,275	22,794,791	20,343,277	20,681,274	22,239,823	21,487,125

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19

Policy Revisions

Close the Stamford District Office

Other Expenses	(210,096)	(210,099)	-	-	210,096	210,099
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	(210,096)	(210,099)	-	-	210,096	210,099

Background

The Workers' Compensation Commission currently operates eight district offices in addition to the Central Office in Hartford. The eight district offices are located in Hartford, Norwich, New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury, New Britain, Middletown and Stamford. The Stamford office currently has the lowest caseload of any district office.

Governor

Eliminate funding of approximately \$210,100 in both FY 18 and FY 19 in the Other Expenses account to reflect the closure of the Stamford District Office effective July 1, 2017. The funding reflects the cost of rent and utilities. Employees of the office will refill vacancies within one of the remaining seven district offices.

Legislative

Do not eliminate funding for the Stamford District Office.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19

Eliminate Funding for Commissioners' Salary increases

Personal Services	(110,950)	(110,950)	(83,212)	(110,950)	27,738	-
Fringe Benefits	(88,760)	(88,760)	(66,570)	(88,760)	22,190	-
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	(199,710)	(199,710)	(149,782)	(199,710)	49,928	-

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$199,710 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to reflect delaying the 3% Workers' Compensation Commissioners' salary increases for the biennium. The increases were effective July 1, 2017 (FY 18) and will be delayed until July 1, 2019 (FY 20).

Legislative

Eliminate funding of \$149,782 in FY 18 and \$199,710 in FY 19 to reflect delaying the 3% Workers' Compensation Commissioners' salary increases for the biennium. The increases were effective July 1, 2017 (FY 18) and will be delayed until July 1, 2019 (FY 20). Funding is provided for the period July through October FY 18, when the final budget was passed. Sections 254 - 257 of PA 17-2 JSS, the biennial budget act implements the delay.

Reduce Funding for eCourt to Reflect Use of Carryforward

Other Expenses	(1,040,770)	-	(1,040,770)	-	-	-
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	(1,040,770)	-	(1,040,770)	-	-	-

Background

Funding was provided in PA 13-184 to facilitate the implementation of E-File at the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) and to complete the commission's computer data conversion project. The project has been delayed due to vendor changes. The WCC is in the process of implementing the eCourt system currently utilized by the Division of Criminal Justice.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,040,770 in FY 18 to reflect the use of carryforward funds for the eCourt Migration Project in FY 18.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Eliminate Vacant Positions

Personal Services	(334,692)	(334,692)	-	-	334,692	334,692
Fringe Benefits	(261,060)	(261,060)	-	-	261,060	261,060
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	(595,752)	(595,752)	-	-	595,752	595,752
Positions - Workers' Compensation Fund	(8)	(8)	-	-	8	8

Governor

Reduce funding by \$595,752 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to reflect the elimination of eight positions that are currently vacant.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Current Services

Provide Funding for Commissioners' Salary Increases

Personal Services	110,950	110,950	110,950	110,950	-	-
Fringe Benefits	88,760	88,760	88,760	88,760	-	-
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	199,710	199,710	199,710	199,710	-	-

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19

Governor

Provide funding of \$199,710 in both FY 18 and FY 19 for Workers' Compensation Commissioners' salary increases. The salary increases are delayed for both FY 18 and FY 19 in a separate policy write-up.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for eCourt Migration Project

Other Expenses	(502,212)	(1,262,982)	(502,212)	(1,262,982)	-	-
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	(502,212)	(1,262,982)	(502,212)	(1,262,982)	-	-

Background

Funding was provided in PA 13-184 to facilitate the implementation of E-File at the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) and to complete the commission's computer data conversion project. The project has been delayed due to vendor changes. The WCC is in the process of implementing the eCourt system currently utilized by the Division of Criminal Justice.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$502,212 in FY 18 and \$1,262,982 in FY 19 for the eCourt project to reflect an updated cost estimate and delayed implementation. Total program costs for FY 18 of \$1,040,770 will be funded out of carryforward originally appropriated for the eCourt project. This adjustment is reflected in a separate policy write-up. Total project funding for FY 19 is \$280,000.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Other Expenses and Equipment

Other Expenses	45,000	103,000	45,000	103,000	-	-
Equipment	(40,999)	(40,999)	(40,999)	(40,999)	-	-
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	4,001	62,001	4,001	62,001	-	-

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$40,999 in both FY 18 and FY 19 in the Equipment account to reflect the agency not requiring any small equipment funding for the biennium. Provide funding of \$45,000 in FY 18 and \$103,000 in FY 19 in the Other Expenses account for replacement and new equipment. To support the eCourt project, the WCC will need to purchase ten production scanners in FY 18 which have the capacity to scan and catalogue large volumes of documents (each scanner is approximately \$4,200). The WCC computers are scheduled for their five year upgrade at a cost of \$103,000 in FY 19.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Indirect Overhead

Indirect Overhead	(106,685)	(106,685)	(106,685)	(106,685)	-	-
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	(106,685)	(106,685)	(106,685)	(106,685)	-	-

Background

The fringe benefit costs for employees supported by funds other than the General Fund are budgeted for within their respective agencies, as opposed to the fringe benefit accounts within the Office of the State Comptroller. In addition, this agency is charged indirect overhead costs by the State Comptroller for utilizing certain centralized state agency services.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$106,685 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to reflect required funding for indirect overhead.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19

Carry Forward

Carry Forward Funding for IT Project Expenses

Other Expenses	-	-	1,040,770	-	1,040,770	-
Total - Carry Forward Workers' Compensation Fund	-	-	1,040,770	-	1,040,770	-

Legislative

Pursuant to CGS 4-89(c), funding of \$1,040,770 is carried forward in the Other Expenses account for the IT conversion project, whose implementation has been delayed due to a change in vendor.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - WF	22,691,719	22,691,719	22,691,719	22,691,719	-	-
Policy Revisions	(2,046,328)	(1,005,561)	(1,190,552)	(199,710)	855,776	805,851
Current Services	(405,186)	(1,107,956)	(405,186)	(1,107,956)	-	-
Total Recommended - WF	20,240,205	20,578,202	21,095,981	21,384,053	855,776	805,851

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - WF	117	117	117	117	-	-
Policy Revisions	(8)	(8)	-	-	8	8
Total Recommended - WF	109	109	117	117	8	8

Other Significant Legislation

PA 17-2 JSS, An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2019

Sections 12 - 16 contain provisions that allow the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to allocate specific lapses to state agencies in the three branches of government (these are typically called holdbacks). The agency's FY 18 appropriation levels will be reduced by the amounts shown in the table below to achieve the lapses included in PA 17-2 JSS and amended in PA 17-4 JSS. This includes a Labor Concessions Savings of \$109,289. See the FY 18 Holdbacks schedule in Section V of this document for a further description of these statewide savings targets.

Account	Appropriation \$	Reduction Amount \$	Net Remaining \$	% Reduction
Personal Services	10,268,099	(109,289)	10,158,810	1.1%