

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 1758

INTRODUCER: Senator Baker

SUBJECT: Workers' Compensation Administrator

DATE: April 13, 2010 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Snider	Burgess	BI	Favorable
2.			GA	
3.			WPSC	
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I. Summary:

Section 627.092, F.S., creates the position of Workers' Compensation Administrator within the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) to monitor insurance company compliance in workers' compensation. The OIR does not currently have an employee designated as the Workers' Compensation Administrator and does not have primary responsibility for monitoring insurance company compliance with workers' compensation laws. This bill repeals this section.

This bill substantially repeals the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 627.092

II. Present Situation:

Section 627.092, F.S., creates the position of Workers' Compensation Administrator within the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) to monitor insurance company compliance in workers' compensation. The OIR does not currently have an employee designated as the Workers' Compensation Administrator. The chief responsibility for monitoring and auditing of the performance of workers' compensation insurance companies is assigned to the Bureau of Monitoring and Audit within the Division of Workers' Compensation in the Department of Financial Services. The OIR's responsibility in workers' compensation is primarily to review and approve workers' compensation rates.

This bill repeals s. 627.092, F.S., because the OIR does not have an employee designated as the Workers' Compensation Administrator and does not have primary responsibility for monitoring insurance company compliance with workers' compensation laws.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 provides for the repeal of s. 627.092, F.S., creating the position of Workers' Compensation Administrator within the Office of Insurance Regulation.

Section 2 provides for an effective date of July 1, 2010.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
