

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 154 Workplace Safety by Senator Lynn

Requires all public employers effective October 1, 2010, to collect and retain injury and illness data using the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Form 300, Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses. Requires submission of data from the report to the Division of Workers' Compensation in the Department of Financial Services (DFS). Requires the division to compile data from the reports and make it available on the department's website. Requires the employer to retain the reports for seven years.

Requires the division effective October 1, 2010, to

- establish and publicize the availability of a toll-free telephone number for public employees to ask questions, request materials, seek assistance related to workplace safety, and report perceived unsafe workplace conditions and
- include on its website a safety information link that provides a list of professional resources that are available to assist public employers in enhancing safety in their workplaces.

Requires all public employers effective June 30, 2013, to comply with the OSHA general industry standards C.F.R. part 1910, and construction standards C.F.R. part 1926, as applicable.

Revises the annual workers' compensation report submitted by the DFS to include an analysis and summary of public employers' work-related illnesses, injuries, fatalities, and workers' compensation claims and costs. Requires that the analysis and summary be provided to public employers and related officials. (See bill for details)