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SUMMARY

- Authorizes the Director of Natural Resources to annually request the Administrator of Workers' Compensation to transfer a portion of the net position of the Coal-Workers Pneumoconiosis Fund to the Mining Regulation and Safety Fund.
- Allows the Administrator, on receiving a request from the Director, to transfer not more than \$1 million by July 1 or as soon as possible after July 1.
- Requires the Administrator, with the advice and consent of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors, to adopt rules governing the transfer to ensure the solvency of the Coal-Workers Pneumoconiosis Fund.
- Appropriates funds for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium ending June 30, 2021.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Coal-Workers Pneumoconiosis Fund transfer

(R.C. 4131.03)

The act allows the Director of Natural Resources to annually request that the Administrator of Workers' Compensation transfer a portion of the funds from the net position of the Coal-Workers Pneumoconiosis Fund to the Mining Regulation and Safety Fund, for the purposes specified in the Coal Surface Mining Law.¹ (Money from the Mining Regulation and Safety Fund is used generally for reclaiming public or private land affected by mining or

¹ R.C. 1513.30, not in the act.

controlling mine drainage.) If the Administrator receives a request from the Director, the Administrator may transfer up to \$1 million on July 1 or as soon as possible after July 1.

The Administrator, with the advice and consent of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors, must adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act² governing the fund transfers to ensure the solvency of the Coal-Workers Pneumoconiosis Fund. For that purpose, the Administrator may establish tests based on measures of net assets, liabilities, expenses, interest, dividend income, or other factors that the Administrator determines appropriate that may be applied before making a transfer.

Technical correction

(R.C. 4123.038)

The act makes a technical correction to replace an obsolete cross reference with the correct cross reference for the purposes of defining “apprentice” and “apprenticeship agreement” in the Workers’ Compensation Law.

HISTORY

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House acceded to request for conference committee	07-16-19
House agreed to conference committee report (78-13)	07-17-19
Senate agreed to conference committee report (22-9)	07-17-19

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² R.C. Chapter 119.