

4121.125 CONTRACTS AUDITS, AND REPORTS ON PERFORMANCE OF OHIO'S WORKERS COMPENSATION SYSTEM.

(A) The workers' compensation oversight commission may contract with one or more outside actuarial firms and other professional persons, as the oversight commission determines necessary, to assist the oversight commission in measuring the performance of Ohio's workers' compensation system and in comparing Ohio's workers' compensation system to other state and private workers' compensation systems. The oversight commission, actuarial firm or firms, and professional persons shall make such measurements and comparisons using accepted insurance industry standards, including, but not limited to, standards promulgated by the National Council on Compensation Insurance.

(B) The oversight commission may contract with one or more outside firms to conduct management and financial audits of the workers' compensation system, including audits of the reserve fund belonging to the state insurance fund, and to establish objective quality management principles and methods by which to review the performance of the workers' compensation system.

(C) The administrator and the industrial commission shall compile information and provide access to records of the bureau and the industrial commission to the oversight commission to the extent necessary for fulfillment of both of the following requirements:

(1) Conduct of the measurements and comparisons described in division (A) of this section;

(2) Conduct of the management and financial audits and establishment of the principles and methods described in division (B) of this section.

(D) The oversight commission shall have an independent auditor, at least once every ten years, conduct a fiduciary performance audit of the investment program of the bureau of workers' compensation. That audit shall include an audit of the investment policies of the oversight commission and investment procedures of the bureau. The oversight commission shall submit a copy of that audit to the auditor of state.

(E) The bureau of workers' compensation, with the advice and consent of the oversight commission, shall employ an internal auditor who shall report directly to the oversight commission on investment matters. The oversight commission may request and review internal audits conducted by the internal auditor.

(F) The administrator shall pay the expenses incurred by the oversight commission to effectively fulfill its duties and exercise its powers under this section as the administrator pays other operating expenses of the bureau.

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