

Committee on Judiciary

CS/HB 1049 — Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims

by Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Stone and others (CS/SB 1298 by Appropriations Committee and Senator Simmons)

The bill requires judges of compensation claims to be paid “a salary equal to that of a county court judge,” which is currently \$27,258 higher than the salary of a judge of compensation claims. The bill sets the salary of the Deputy Chief Judge of Compensation Claims at \$1,000 more than that of a county court judge. County court judges are currently paid \$151,822 per year.

To fund these salary increases, the bill appropriates \$1,114,078 in recurring funds from the Division of Administrative Hearing’s Operating Trust Fund.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 118-0