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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations (Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government)

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims; amending s. 440.45, F.S.; specifying the salaries of full-time judges of compensation claims and the Deputy Chief Judge of Compensation Claims; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (2) of section 440.45, Florida Statutes, to read:

440.45 Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims. -(2)

(f) Each full-time judge of compensation claims shall receive a salary equal to that of a county court judge. The Deputy Chief Judge shall receive a salary of \$1,000 more per year than the salary paid to a full-time judge of compensation claims.

Section 2. For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the sum of \$1,114,087 in recurring funds is appropriated from the Operating Trust Fund to the Division of Administrative Hearings, and the associated salary rate of 870,392 is authorized, for the purposes of making salary adjustments to judges of compensation claims.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.