

## Committee on Appropriations

### **SB 2516 — Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims** by Appropriations Committee

The bill, relating to the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims (OJCC), conforms statutes to the funding decisions in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, which reduces \$0.3 million in funding to consolidate and align office locations of the OJCC based on workload cases and realize technological efficiencies.

The bill removes the requirement that the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims must maintain 17 district offices, 31 judges of compensation claims, and 31 mediators as they existed on June 30, 2001. Removing specified district offices, judges of compensation claims, and mediators allows the OJCC flexibility to consolidate and align district offices based on case workloads and realize technological efficiencies to the adjudication processes.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

*Vote: Senate 33-0; House 107-0*