

By Senator Simmons

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Office of the Judges of
3 Compensation Claims; amending s. 440.45, F.S.;
4 providing an appropriation to the Division of
5 Administrative Hearings for adjustments to salaries of
6 the judges of compensation claims; requiring the
7 Deputy Chief Judge to recommend such salary
8 adjustments within the appropriated amount; requiring
9 that such salary adjustments be paid out of a
10 specified trust fund; providing an effective date.

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

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

16 440.45 Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims.—

17 (2)

18 (f) Beginning with the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the sum of
19 \$1,159,440 in recurring funds from the Operating Trust Fund is
20 appropriated to the Division of Administrative Hearings, and the
21 associated salary rate of 870,392 is authorized, for the purpose
22 of making adjustments to salaries of the judges of compensation
23 claims. The Deputy Chief Judge shall recommend adjustments to
24 the salaries of the judges of compensation claims within the
25 amount appropriated by this paragraph. The salary adjustments
26 must be paid out of the Workers' Compensation Administration
27 Trust Fund established under s. 440.50.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.