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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 405/405-105

was 20 ILCS 405/64.1

Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Central Management Services shall charge the employing State agency for workers' compensation payments for medical expenses and temporary total disability benefits (now, just for temporary total disability) paid to any employee (now, the Department shall charge the State agency only after the employee has received temporary total disability payments for 120 days if the employee's physician has issued a release to return to work but the employing State agency does not return the employee to work).

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning State government.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Department of Central Management Services
Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by
changing Section 405-105 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 405/405-105) (was 20 ILCS 405/64.1)

8 Sec. 405-105. Fidelity, surety, property, and casualty 9 insurance. The Department shall establish and implement a 10 program to coordinate the handling of all fidelity, surety, 11 property, and casualty insurance exposures of the State and the 12 departments, divisions, agencies, branches, and universities 13 of the State. In performing this responsibility, the Department 14 shall have the power and duty to do the following:

15 (1) Develop and maintain loss and exposure data on all16 State property.

17 (2) Study the feasibility of establishing a
18 self-insurance plan for State property and prepare
19 estimates of the costs of reinsurance for risks beyond the
20 realistic limits of the self-insurance.

(3) Prepare a plan for centralizing the purchase of
 property and casualty insurance on State property under a
 master policy or policies and purchase the insurance

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contracted for as provided in the Illinois Purchasing Act.

2 (4) Evaluate existing provisions for fidelity bonds 3 required of State employees and recommend changes that are 4 appropriate commensurate with risk experience and the 5 determinations respecting self-insurance or reinsurance so 6 as to permit reduction of costs without loss of coverage.

7 (5) Investigate procedures for inclusion of school
8 districts, public community college districts, and other
9 units of local government in programs for the centralized
10 purchase of insurance.

11 (6) Implement recommendations of the State Property 12 Insurance Study Commission that the Department finds 13 necessary or desirable in the performance of its powers and 14 duties under this Section to achieve efficient and 15 comprehensive risk management.

16 (7) Prepare and, in the discretion of the Director, 17 implement a plan providing for the purchase of public liability insurance or for self-insurance for public 18 19 liability or for a combination of purchased insurance and 20 self-insurance for public liability (i) covering the State and drivers of motor vehicles owned, leased, or controlled 21 22 by the State of Illinois pursuant to the provisions and 23 limitations contained in the Illinois Vehicle Code, (ii) 24 covering other public liability exposures of the State and 25 its employees within the scope of their employment, and 26 (iii) covering drivers of motor vehicles not owned, leased,

or controlled by the State but used by a State employee on 1 2 State business, in excess of liability covered by an 3 insurance policy obtained by the owner of the motor vehicle or in excess of the dollar amounts that the Department 4 5 shall determine to be reasonable. Any contract of insurance let under this Law shall be by bid in accordance with the 6 procedure set forth in the Illinois Purchasing Act. Any 7 8 provisions for self-insurance shall conform to subdivision 9 (11).

The term "employee" as used in this subdivision (7) and 10 11 in subdivision (11) means a person while in the employ of 12 the State who is a member of the staff or personnel of a agency, bureau, board, commission, 13 State committee, 14 department, university, or college or who is a State officer, elected official, commissioner, member of or ex 15 16 officio member of а State agency, bureau, board, 17 commission, committee, department, university, or college, or a member of the National Guard while on active duty 18 19 pursuant to orders of the Governor of the State of 20 Illinois, or any other person while using a licensed motor vehicle owned, leased, or controlled by the State of 21 22 Illinois with the authorization of the State of Illinois, 23 provided the actual use of the motor vehicle is within the 24 scope of that authorization and within the course of State 25 service.

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Subsequent to payment of a claim on behalf of an

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employee pursuant to this Section and after reasonable 1 2 advance written notice to the employee, the Director may 3 exclude the employee from future coverage or limit the coverage under the plan if (i) the Director determines that 4 5 the claim resulted from an incident in which the employee was grossly negligent or had engaged in willful and wanton 6 7 misconduct or (ii) the Director determines that the 8 employee is no longer an acceptable risk based on a review 9 of prior accidents in which the employee was at fault and 10 for which payments were made pursuant to this Section.

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11 The Director is authorized to promulgate 12 administrative rules that may be necessary to establish and 13 administer the plan.

Appropriations from the Road Fund shall be used to pay auto liability claims and related expenses involving employees of the Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police, and the Secretary of State.

(8) Charge, collect, and receive from all other
agencies of the State government fees or monies equivalent
to the cost of purchasing the insurance.

(9) Establish, through the Director, charges for risk
management services rendered to State agencies by the
Department. The State agencies so charged shall reimburse
the Department by vouchers drawn against their respective
appropriations. The reimbursement shall be determined by
the Director as amounts sufficient to reimburse the

Department for expenditures incurred in rendering the
 service.

The Department shall charge the employing State agency 3 university for workers' compensation payments for 4 or 5 medical expenses and temporary total disability benefits paid to any employee after the employee has received 6 7 temporary total disability payments for 120 days if the 8 employee's treating physician has issued a release to 9 return to work with restrictions and the employee is able 10 to perform modified duty work but the employing State 11 agency or university does not return the employee to 12 at modified duty. Modified duty shall be duties assigned 13 that may or may not be delineated as part of the regularly performed by the employee. Modified duties shall 14 be assigned within the prescribed restrictions established 15 16 by the treating physician and the physician who performed 17 the independent medical examination. The amount of all reimbursements shall be deposited into the Workers' 18 19 Compensation Revolving Fund which is hereby created as a 20 revolving fund in the State treasury. In addition to any other purpose authorized by law, moneys in the Fund shall 21 22 be used, subject to appropriation, to pay medical these or 23 other temporary total disability claims of employees of State agencies and universities. 24

25 Beginning with fiscal year 1996, all amounts recovered 26 by the Department through subrogation in workers'

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compensation and workers' occupational disease cases shall be deposited into the Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund created under this subdivision (9).

(10) Establish rules, procedures, and forms to be used 4 5 by State agencies in the administration and payment of workers' compensation claims. For claims filed prior to 6 7 July 1, 2013, the Department shall initially evaluate and 8 determine the compensability of any injury that is the 9 subject of a workers' compensation claim and provide for 10 the administration and payment of such a claim for all 11 State agencies. For claims filed on or after July 1, 2013, 12 the Department shall retain responsibility for certain 13 administrative payments including, but not limited to, 14 payments to the private vendor contracted to perform 15 services under subdivision (10b) of this Section, payments 16 related to travel expenses for employees of the Office of 17 the Attorney General, and payments to internal Department staff responsible for the oversight and management of any 18 contract awarded pursuant to subdivision (10b) of this 19 Through December 31, 2012, the Director may 20 Section. 21 delegate to any agency with the agreement of the agency 22 head the responsibility for evaluation, administration, 23 and payment of that agency's claims. Neither the Department 24 nor the private vendor contracted to perform services under 25 subdivision (10b) of this Section shall be responsible for 26 providing workers' compensation services to the Illinois

State Toll Highway Authority or to State universities that
 maintain self-funded workers' compensation liability
 programs.

(10a) By April 1 of each year prior to calendar year 4 5 2013, the Director must report and provide information to 6 the State Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Board 7 concerning the status of the State workers' compensation 8 program for the next fiscal year. Information that the 9 Director must provide to the State Workers' Compensation 10 Program Advisory Board includes, but is not limited to, 11 documents, reports of negotiations, bid invitations, 12 requests for proposals, specifications, copies of proposed and final contracts or agreements, and any other materials 13 14 concerning contracts or agreements for the program. By the 15 first of each month prior to calendar year 2013, the 16 Director must provide updated, and any new, information to 17 the State Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Board until the State workers' compensation program for the next 18 19 fiscal year is determined.

No later than January 1, 2013, the chief 20 (10b) procurement officer appointed under paragraph (4) 21 of 22 subsection (a) of Section 10-20 of the Illinois Procurement 23 (hereinafter "chief procurement officer"), Code in 24 consultation with the Department of Central Management 25 Services, shall procure one or more private vendors to 26 administer the program providing payments for workers'

compensation liability with respect to the employees of all 1 State agencies. The chief procurement officer may procure a 2 3 single contract applicable to all State agencies or multiple contracts applicable to one or more 4 State 5 agencies. If the chief procurement officer procures a single contract applicable to all State agencies, then the 6 7 Department of Central Management Services shall be 8 designated as the agency that enters into the contract and 9 shall be responsible for the contract. If the chief 10 procurement officer procures multiple contracts applicable 11 to one or more State agencies, each agency to which the 12 contract applies shall be designated as the agency that 13 shall enter into the contract and shall be responsible for 14 the contract. If the chief procurement officer procures 15 contracts applicable to an individual State agency, the 16 agency subject to the contract shall be designated as the 17 agency responsible for the contract.

18 (10c) The procurement of private vendors for the 19 administration of the workers' compensation program for 20 State employees is subject to the provisions of the 21 Illinois Procurement Code and administration by the chief 22 procurement officer.

(10d) Contracts for the procurement of private vendors
for the administration of the workers' compensation
program for State employees shall be based upon, but
limited to, the following criteria: (i) administrative

1 cost, (ii) service capabilities of the vendor, and (iii) 2 the compensation (including premiums, fees, or other 3 charges). A vendor for the administration of the workers' 4 compensation program for State employees shall provide 5 services, including, but not limited to:

6 (A) providing a web-based case management system 7 and provide access to the Office of the Attorney 8 General;

9 (B) ensuring claims adjusters are available to 10 provide testimony or information as requested by the 11 Office of the Attorney General;

12 (C) establishing a preferred provider program for13 all State agencies and facilities; and

14 (D) authorizing the payment of medical bills at the15 preferred provider discount rate.

16 (10e) By September 15, 2012, the Department of Central 17 Management Services shall prepare a plan to effectuate the 18 transfer of responsibility and administration of the 19 workers' compensation program for State employees to the 20 selected private vendors. The Department shall submit a 21 copy of the plan to the General Assembly.

(11) Any plan for public liability self-insurance
implemented under this Section shall provide that (i) the
Department shall attempt to settle and may settle any
public liability claim filed against the State of Illinois
or any public liability claim filed against a State

1 employee on the basis of an occurrence in the course of the 2 employee's State employment; (ii) any settlement of such a 3 claim is not subject to fiscal year limitations and must be approved by the Director and, in cases of settlements 4 5 exceeding \$100,000, by the Governor; and (iii) a settlement of any public liability claim against the State or a State 6 employee shall require an unqualified release of any right 7 8 of action against the State and the employee for acts 9 within the scope of the employee's employment giving rise 10 to the claim.

11 Whenever and to the extent that a State employee 12 operates a motor vehicle or engages in other activity 13 covered by self-insurance under this Section, the State of 14 Illinois shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the 15 employee against any claim in tort filed against the 16 employee for acts or omissions within the scope of the 17 employee's employment in any proper judicial forum and not settled pursuant to this subdivision (11), provided that 18 this obligation of the State of Illinois shall not exceed a 19 20 maximum liability of \$2,000,000 for any single occurrence in connection with the operation of a motor vehicle or 21 22 \$100,000 per person per occurrence for any other single 23 occurrence, or \$500,000 for any single occurrence in connection with the provision of medical care by a licensed 24 25 physician employee.

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Any claims against the State of Illinois under a

self-insurance plan that are not settled pursuant to this 1 2 subdivision (11) shall be heard and determined by the Court 3 of Claims and may not be filed or adjudicated in any other forum. The Attorney General of the State of Illinois or the 4 5 Attorney General's designee shall be the attorney with respect to all public liability self-insurance claims that 6 7 are not settled pursuant to this subdivision (11) and 8 therefore result in litigation. The payment of any award of 9 the Court of Claims entered against the State relating to 10 any public liability self-insurance claim shall act as a 11 release against any State employee involved in the 12 occurrence.

13 (12) Administer a plan the purpose of which is to make 14 payments on final settlements or final judgments in 15 accordance with the State Employee Indemnification Act. 16 The plan shall be funded through appropriations from the 17 General Revenue Fund specifically designated for that purpose, except that indemnification 18 expenses for 19 employees of the Department of Transportation, the 20 Illinois State Police, and the Secretary of State shall be paid from the Road Fund. The term "employee" as used in 21 22 this subdivision (12) has the same meaning as under of the State 23 subsection (b) of Section 1 Employee 24 Indemnification Act. Subject to sufficient appropriation, 25 the Director shall approve payment of any claim, without 26 regard to fiscal year limitations, presented to the

Director that is supported by a final settlement or final 1 2 judgment when the Attorney General and the chief officer of 3 the public body against whose employee the claim or cause of action is asserted certify to the Director that the 4 5 claim is in accordance with the State Employee 6 Indemnification Act and that they approve of the payment. 7 In no event shall an amount in excess of \$150,000 be paid 8 from this plan to or for the benefit of any claimant.

9 (13) Administer a plan the purpose of which is to make 10 payments on final settlements or final judgments for 11 employee wage claims in situations where there was an 12 appropriation relevant to the wage claim, the fiscal year and lapse period have expired, and sufficient funds were 13 14 available to pay the claim. The plan shall be funded 15 through appropriations from the General Revenue Fund 16 specifically designated for that purpose.

17 Subject to sufficient appropriation, the Director is 18 authorized to pay any wage claim presented to the Director 19 that is supported by a final settlement or final judgment 20 when the chief officer of the State agency employing the claimant certifies to the Director that the claim is a 21 22 valid wage claim and that the fiscal year and lapse period 23 expired. Payment for claims that are have properly 24 submitted and certified as valid by the Director shall 25 include interest accrued at the rate of 7% per annum from 26 the forty-fifth day after the claims are received by the

Department or 45 days from the date on which the amount of 1 2 payment is agreed upon, whichever is later, until the date 3 the claims are submitted to the Comptroller for payment. When the Attorney General has filed an appearance in any 4 5 proceeding concerning a wage claim settlement or judgment, the Attorney General shall certify to the Director that the 6 7 wage claim is valid before any payment is made. In no event shall an amount in excess of \$150,000 be paid from this 8 9 plan to or for the benefit of any claimant.

10 Nothing in Public Act 84-961 shall be construed to 11 affect in any manner the jurisdiction of the Court of 12 Claims concerning wage claims made against the State of 13 Illinois.

14 (14) Prepare and, in the discretion of the Director,
15 implement a program for self-insurance for official
16 fidelity and surety bonds for officers and employees as
17 authorized by the Official Bond Act.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-928, eff. 6-15-10; 97-18, eff. 6-28-11;
19 97-895, eff. 8-3-12; 97-1143, eff. 12-28-12.)

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