

CHAPTER 562

H.B. No. 2219

An Act relating to the submission of reports concerning on-the-job injuries sustained by state employees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 6, Article 8309g, Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. RULES FOR ACCIDENT PREVENTION. The director shall make and enforce reasonable rules for the prevention of accidents and injuries. He shall hold hearings on all proposed rules under this section and afford reasonable opportunity for officers of the

departments, boards, commissions, and agencies of the state to testify. The director's responsibility includes reporting to the legislature any agency that fails to meet their obligation regarding the prevention of accidents and injuries to state employees. *Each state agency will submit in the administrative statement of its biennial budget request a summary containing (a) the number of first reports of injury filed by the agency during the preceding biennium, (b) the amount of workers' compensation indemnity and medical benefits paid to or for such employees during such period, (c) the number of on-the-job injuries per 100 of its employees per year during such period, and (d) positive efforts made by each such agency to increase job safety and reduce job injuries, including the participation of heads of agencies and the executive staff of each agency in training programs offered by the workers' compensation division of the Attorney General's office and others.*

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 25, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved: June 12, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985