
Secretary's Transmittal Letter



Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security
Office of the Secretary

Jeb Bush
Governor

Mary B. Hooks
Secretary

December 27, 2000

The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida
The Honorable John McKay, President of the Senate
The Honorable Tom Feeney, Speaker of the House

Dear Governor, Mr. President, and Mr. Speaker:

In compliance with the reporting requirements of Section 440.59(1)(3) and (4), Florida Statutes, it is my privilege to submit the *2000 Annual Report* of the Division of Workers' Compensation.

For the ninth consecutive year, this document was designed to serve as a valuable resource for both policymakers and a broad spectrum of partners and customers in the workers' compensation arena. This year, we have introduced a concise format in which information on the administration of the system is accompanied by separate volumes comprising statistical information and policy analysis, respectively. We strive to exceed your expectations in creating an increasingly useful, quality report that meets your needs, and we encourage you to continue providing suggestions that help us better achieve this goal each year.

As Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment Security, I am committed to securing Florida's role as a prosperous member of the global economy. To this end, the Division of Workers' Compensation's mission is to oversee the prompt provision of timely, accurate benefits and quality health care that promote early return to work following workplace injury in the manner most cost-effective to employers. We serve all the citizens of Florida by conscientiously doing our part to keep both its workers and its businesses thriving.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary B. Hooks".

Mary B. Hooks

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