

**342.118 Department of Workers' Claims -- Commissioner -- Organizational units -
- Chief administrative law judge.**

- (1) There is hereby created the Department of Workers' Claims administratively attached to the Office of the Governor, which shall be headed by a commissioner appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with KRS 342.228.
- (2) The department shall be divided for administrative purposes into the:
 - (a) Office of the Commissioner;
 - (b) Office of General Counsel;
 - (c) Office of Administrative Law Judges;
 - (d) Division of Claims Processing;
 - (e) Division of Security and Compliance;
 - (f) Division of Workers' Compensation Funds; and
 - (g) Division of Specialist and Medical Services.
- (3) The Office of Administrative Law Judges shall be headed by a chief administrative law judge appointed in accordance with KRS 342.230.
- (4) Each division in the department shall be headed by a director.
- (5) The Workers' Compensation Board shall be attached to the Department of Workers' Claims for administrative purposes only.

Effective: April 27, 2026

History: Created 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 61, sec. 1, effective April 9, 2026; and amended 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 198, sec. 62, effective April 27, 2026.

Legislative Research Commission Note (4/27/2026). This statute was created by 2026 RS SB 343 (2026 Ky. Acts ch. 61, sec. 1), which was subsequently amended by 2026 RS HB 869 (2026 Ky. Acts ch. 198, sec. 62), and the amendment has been incorporated in codification.