

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2765

*As Passed House
February 14, 1992*

Title: An act relating to costs of transportation and child and dependent care for industrial insurance vocational rehabilitation.

Brief Description: Providing for vocational rehabilitation costs.

Sponsor(s): Representatives R. King and Prentice.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Commerce & Labor, February 7, 1992, DP;
Passed House, February 14, 1992, 93-0.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE & LABOR**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 11 members: Representatives Heavey, Chair; G. Cole, Vice Chair; Fuhrman, Ranking Minority Member; Lisk, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Franklin; Jones; R. King; O'Brien; Prentice; Vance; and Wilson.

Staff: Chris Cordes (786-7117).

Background: Injured workers may participate in vocational rehabilitation programs if the program is necessary and likely to enable the worker to become employable at gainful employment. The department, or self-insurer, may pay up to \$3,000 toward the costs of books, tuition, supplies, transportation, child or dependent care, and other necessary expenses of the program.

Summary of Bill: The Department of Labor and Industries is authorized to pay, or to direct the self-insurer to pay, the costs of transportation and child or dependent care related to an injured worker's participation in a vocational rehabilitation program. This payment is in addition to the \$3,000 amount authorized for vocational rehabilitation program costs.

Fiscal Note: Requested February 7, 1992.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: None.