

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2765

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*As Reported By House Committee on:  
Commerce & Labor*

**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.

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**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.