

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: George, Monnes Anderson, Telfer, Rosenbaum
Nays: 0
Exc.: Prozanski
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Meeting Dates: 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies circumstances that require insurer or self-insured employer to contact injured worker for evaluation of eligibility for vocational assistance.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under the state's workers' compensation system, the insurer or self-insured employer must provide vocational assistance to an injured worker who is eligible for assistance to return to work. The insurer must provide notice of eligibility for assistance to the worker within five days of either having knowledge of the worker's likely eligibility for vocational assistance, or when the worker is medically stationary if the worker has not returned to the worker's regular employment or other suitable employment and the worker is not receiving vocational assistance.

House Bill 2705A clarifies that the second condition for requiring notice of vocational assistance eligibility includes when the worker has not been released for regular employment or has not returned to other suitable employment.