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Research Analysis

HB 2217, as introduced, allows workers' compensation claimants undergoing vocational rehabilitation for temporary total disability to extend their program for an additional year if a judge determines the extra year is necessary to help the employee return to substantial employment.

To maintain benefits, the employee must provide evidence of active participation, with the vocational expert submitting updates every 13 weeks. Benefits end upon program completion, and any party can request termination for noncompliance. Termination requires a Workers' Compensation Commission order after a hearing. If an employee repeatedly fails to comply or abandons the program, benefits may be permanently terminated.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB2217 modifies the length of time and clarifies eligibility requirements for which workers may collect workers compensation benefits in certain cases. These benefits are paid by employers, therefore, in its current form, there is no anticipated direct impact on state budget or appropriations as a result of the measure.

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Other Considerations

None.