

1 S.136

2 Introduced by Senator Illuzzi

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Labor; workers' compensation; vocational rehabilitation

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the department of labor to
7 contact a vocational rehabilitation counselor affirming the approval of a
8 vocational rehabilitation plan within seven days after the plan has been
9 approved.

10 An act relating to vocational rehabilitation

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 641 is amended to read:

13 § 641. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

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15 (c) Any vocational rehabilitation plan for a claimant presented to the
16 employer shall be deemed valid if the employer was provided an opportunity
17 to participate in the development of the plan and has made no objections or
18 changes within 21 days after submission. A vocational rehabilitation counselor
19 shall provide the employer with a written invitation to participate in plan
20 development, including the date, time, and place to provide an opportunity to

1 participate in the development of the plan, with a copy to the department. The
2 participation in the development of the plan may be conducted by telephone.
3 The written notice shall be evidence of the opportunity to participate in plan
4 development and shall be appended to the proposed plan. The department
5 shall notify the vocational rehabilitation counselor in writing that the
6 rehabilitation plan has been deemed valid within seven days after the plan has
7 been deemed valid under this subsection.

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