

1 AN ACT relating to the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 151B.195 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The executive director of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation shall
5 ***promulgate***~~prescribe~~ administrative regulations governing the services, personnel,
6 and administration of ***vocational rehabilitation services for Kentucky in***
7 ***accordance with KRS Chapter 13A. Only after in-state provider contracts have***
8 ***been exhausted, the executive director, upon approval of the secretary,***~~the State~~
9 ~~Vocational Rehabilitation Agency;~~ may enter into reciprocal agreements with other
10 states to provide for the vocational rehabilitation of residents of the states
11 concerned; may establish and supervise the operation of small businesses
12 established pursuant to KRS 151B.180 to 151B.210 to be conducted by eligible
13 individuals with severe disabilities; and may establish state funded special programs
14 for vocational rehabilitation in the state vocational rehabilitation agency.
- 15 (2) Except as provided in KRS 151B.190, the executive director ***shall promulgate***~~may~~
16 ~~prescribe~~ administrative regulations to establish ***procedures and standards for***
17 ***service fee memoranda and*** fees for services provided to individuals or entities,
18 public or private, ***including but not limited to community rehabilitation program***
19 ***service providers. Any revised procedure or standard for service fee memoranda***
20 ***shall be established prior to the new fiscal year.***
- 21 (3) The executive director is authorized to provide liability insurance or an indemnity
22 bond against the negligence of drivers of motor vehicles owned or operated by the
23 office for the transportation of applicants or clients of the office. If the
24 transportation is let out under contract, the contract shall require the contractor to
25 carry an indemnity bond or liability insurance against negligence to such amounts
26 as the executive director designates. In either case, the indemnity bond or insurance
27 policy shall be issued by a surety or insurance company authorized to transact

1 business in this state, and shall bind the company to pay any final judgment not to
2 exceed the limits of the policy rendered against the insured for loss or damage to
3 property of any applicant or client or other person, or death or injury of any
4 applicant or client or other person.

5 (4) The provisions of any other statute notwithstanding, the executive director is
6 authorized to use receipt of funds from the Social Security reimbursement program
7 for a direct service delivery staff incentive program. Incentives may be awarded if
8 case service costs are reimbursed for job placement of Social Security or
9 Supplemental Security Income recipients at the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)
10 level for nine (9) months pursuant to 42 U.S.C. sec. 422 and under those conditions
11 and criteria as are established by the federal reimbursement program.

12 (5) The executive director shall submit an annual report of its activities for the
13 preceding fiscal year to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission
14 for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Families and Children. Each
15 report shall include a complete operating and financial statement of the Office of
16 Vocational Rehabilitation.