

By: Mitchell and Bonny of the
House

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An Act relating to the State Department of Rehabilitation Services; requiring budgeting in certain categories and amounts; providing for exemptions from certain expenditure limitations; providing for duties and compensation of employees; limiting the salary of the Director; providing budgetary limitations; making certain employee positions exempt from FTE limitations; authorizing certain early transfers of tax collections for specific purpose; authorizing and requiring transfer of certain monies; specifying certain purposes; authorizing certain interyear transfers; requiring certain process and maintenance of records; providing lapse dates; requiring certain budget procedures; prohibiting certain budget procedures; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the State Department of Rehabilitation Services shall budget all appropriated and other funds in the following categories and amounts:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vocational Rehabilitative		
and Visual Services	\$11,945,000.00	\$ 70,000,000.00
Oklahoma School for the		
Blind	5,844,541.00	6,750,000.00
Oklahoma School for the		
Deaf	7,344,540.00	8,750,000.00
Disability Determination		
Division	0.00	23,000,000.00
TOTAL	\$25,134,081.00	\$108,500,000.00

Receipt and expenditure of unanticipated federal funds awarded the State Department of Rehabilitation Services after July 1, 2004, shall be exempt from expenditure limitations, provided that any such funds used for operations shall be included in the agency's budget work program.

SECTION 2. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the State Department of Rehabilitation Services by law shall be set by the Commission for Rehabilitation Services. The salary of the Director shall not exceed Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) per annum, payable monthly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. The State Department of Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees and expenditures excluding expenditures for capital and special projects, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	813.3
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$100,000.00

SECTION 3. Any employees of the Disability Determination Unit in the State Department of Rehabilitation Services whose salaries are funded in whole by federal funds shall be exempted from the agency FTE limit.

SECTION 4. The Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services may request through the Director of State Finance the early transfer by the Oklahoma Tax Commission of tax collection to the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of early allocation to the Department's disbursing funds to alleviate cash-flow problems.

SECTION 5. The Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Services may request the Director of State Finance to transfer funds

from the Rehabilitation Services Federal Fund to Rehabilitation Services Disbursing Funds and to Department of Rehabilitation Services Medical and Assistance Funds for expenditure in the client service, supported employment, and independent living programs.

SECTION 6. The Director of State Finance shall transfer monies appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the State Department of Rehabilitation Services' disbursing funds in the amounts and ratios requested by the agency except that the cumulative amounts transferred shall not exceed the cumulative amounts of equal monthly allotments of the appropriations from the General Revenue Fund.

Monies appropriated or collected from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, may be transferred to these disbursing funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, to satisfy encumbrances and obligations of said fiscal year; provided, that monies equal in amount are transferred from appropriations or collections for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, to the disbursing funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, to satisfy encumbrances and obligations of said fiscal year. All transfer requests shall be in writing to the Director of State Finance. The State Department of Rehabilitation Services shall maintain records of the interyear transfers.

SECTION 7. Appropriations made by Sections 81 and 82 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2007 of the 2nd Session of the 49th Oklahoma Legislature, not including appropriations made for capital outlay purposes, may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005 (hereafter FY-05) or may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 (hereafter FY-06). Funds budgeted for FY-05 may be encumbered only through June 30, 2005, and must be expended by November 15, 2005. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2005, and not budgeted for FY-06, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. Funds budgeted for FY-06 may be encumbered only through June 30, 2006. Any funds remaining after

November 15, 2006, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. These appropriations may not be budgeted in both fiscal years simultaneously. Funds budgeted in FY-05, and not required to pay obligations for that fiscal year, may be budgeted for FY-06, after the agency to which the funds have been appropriated has prepared and submitted a budget work program revision removing these funds from the FY-05 budget work program and after such revision has been approved by the Office of State Finance.

SECTION 8. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004.

SECTION 9. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of March, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate