

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 733

By: Griffin

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8 An Act relating to the Department of Rehabilitation
9 Services; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 166.7, as
10 amended by Section 839, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74
11 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 166.7), which relates to the
12 Rehabilitation Services Disbursing Fund; directing
13 certain use of certain funds; specifying use of
14 funds; stipulating provisions relating to
15 expenditures; specifying dependence of services;
16 providing an effective date; and declaring an
17 emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 166.7, as
20 amended by Section 839, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp.
21 2016, Section 166.7), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 166.7. A. There is hereby created in the State
23 Treasury a revolving fund for the Commission on Rehabilitation
24 Services, to be designated the "Rehabilitation Services Disbursing
Fund" provided that the fund may be designated by fiscal year
designations as the Commission may determine. The fund shall be a
continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations. The fund

1 shall consist of receipts from the federal government, monies
2 appropriated to the Department of Rehabilitation Services by the
3 State Legislature, and other receipts of the Department of
4 Rehabilitation Services as shall be directed by the Commission for
5 Rehabilitation Services. All monies accruing to the credit of said
6 fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
7 Commission for Rehabilitation Services as may be necessary in order
8 to carry out the duties imposed upon the ~~said~~ the Commission by law.
9 Expenditures from the Rehabilitation Services Disbursing Fund shall
10 be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims
11 filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of
12 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

13 B. The Department of Rehabilitation Services may direct all
14 federal and state funds received and appropriated for services to
15 Older Individuals that are Blind (OIB) to qualified community-based,
16 non-profit organizations accredited by the National Accreditation
17 Council For Blind and Low Vision to administer, pursuant to
18 contract, services for older individuals with vision impairments
19 including, but not limited to, assisting in correcting or modifying
20 visual disabilities including optical vision aids, in-home training,
21 orientation and mobility, Braille instruction, adaptive skills
22 training, information and referral, peer counseling and other
23 appropriate services designed to assist an older individual who is
24 blind with daily living activities.

1 C. Funds received by the Commission for OIB Rehabilitation

2 Services from the Federal Rehabilitation Services Administration and
3 state matching funds may, in their entirety, be used to fund the
4 Older Independent Blind program as established in The Rehabilitation
5 Act of 1973, as amended.

6 D. Services provided by qualified Older Independent Blind
7 contractors may be dependent upon budget parameters and staffing.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

9 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
10 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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