

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 733

By: Griffin of the Senate

and

Osborn (Leslie) of the
House

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

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

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

Section 166.7. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Commission on Rehabilitation Services, to be designated the "Rehabilitation Services Disbursing

1 Fund" provided that the fund may be designated by fiscal year
2 designations as the Commission may determine. The fund shall be a
3 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations. The fund
4 shall consist of receipts from the federal government, monies
5 appropriated to the Department of Rehabilitation Services by the
6 State Legislature, and other receipts of the Department of
7 Rehabilitation Services as shall be directed by the Commission for
8 Rehabilitation Services. All monies accruing to the credit of said
9 fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
10 Commission for Rehabilitation Services as may be necessary in order
11 to carry out the duties imposed upon the ~~said~~ Commission by law.
12 Expenditures from the Rehabilitation Services Disbursing Fund shall
13 be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims
14 filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of
15 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

16 B. The Department of Rehabilitation Services may direct all or
17 a portion of federal and state funds received and appropriated for
18 services to Older Individuals who are Blind (OIB) to qualified
19 community-based, nonprofit organizations accredited by the National
20 Accreditation Council for Blind and Low Vision Services to
21 administer, pursuant to contract, services for older individuals
22 with vision impairments including, but not limited to, assisting in
23 correcting or modifying visual disabilities including optical vision
24 aids, in-home training, orientation and mobility, Braille

1 instruction, adaptive skills training, information and referral,
2 peer counseling and other appropriate services designed to assist an
3 older individual who is blind with daily living activities.

4 C. Funds received by the Commission for OIB Rehabilitation
5 Services from the Federal Rehabilitation Services Administration and
6 state matching funds may, in their entirety, be used to fund the
7 Older Independent Blind program as established in The Rehabilitation
8 Act of 1973, as amended.

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

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

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

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