

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 733

By: Griffin of the Senate

and

Osborn (Leslie) of the
House

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.

SUBJECT: Department of Rehabilitation Services

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 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 shall consist of receipts from the federal government, monies appropriated to the

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or 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 Senate the 17th day of May, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of April, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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