

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 75

By: Simpson of the Senate

3 and

4 Townley of the House

5  
6 An Act relating to the State Department of  
7 Rehabilitation Services; amending 7 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 8, which relates to special library services  
9 to blind and physically handicapped persons; updating  
10 term; deleting omitted cite; deleting certain  
11 requirement; amending 7 O.S. 2011, Section 71, which  
12 relates to activities to promote business  
13 opportunities; updating term; amending 62 O.S. 2011,  
14 Section 34.77, as amended by Section 398, Chapter  
15 304, O.S.L. 2012 (62 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 34.77),  
16 which relates to rehabilitation services encumbrance  
17 and preaudit claim settlement system; updating term;  
18 amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 2701, which relates to  
19 public policy; updating terms; amending 63 O.S. 2011,  
20 Section 2702, which relates to immunity; updating  
21 term; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 3001, as last  
22 amended by Section 117, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2013 (74  
23 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 3001), which relates to the  
24 State Use Committee; updating term; and providing an  
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 7 O.S. 2011, Section 8, is amended  
to read as follows:

Section 8. ~~(a) See Title 74, State Officers and Employees,~~  
~~Section 285(23) note.~~

~~(b)~~ A. The state plan for library services shall be amended in  
accordance with the Federal Library Services and Construction Act

1 and applicable regulations to reflect the authority and duty of the  
2 ~~Section of Services to the Blind (Visual Services) of the Commission~~  
3 ~~for Rehabilitation Services~~ Division of Services for the Blind and  
4 Visually Impaired of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services  
5 to provide special library services, including braille and recorded  
6 books, to blind and visually handicapped persons as provided by  
7 state law.

8 ~~(e)~~ B. Special library services for blind and physically  
9 handicapped adults, children, and students shall be provided by the  
10 ~~Section of Services to the Blind (Visual Services) of the Commission~~  
11 ~~for Rehabilitation Services~~ Division of Services for the Blind and  
12 Visually Impaired of the Department in accordance with the Federal  
13 Library Services and Construction Act, as amended, and applicable  
14 federal regulations relating thereto; and consistent with applicable  
15 statutes and regulations. ~~The library standards of the National~~  
16 ~~Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually~~  
17 ~~Handicapped shall be observed and followed in providing such special~~  
18 ~~library services.~~ The Commission for Rehabilitation Services shall,  
19 within the availability of state funds, annually make available for  
20 such special library services sufficient funds to earn the maximum  
21 available federal funds under the Federal Library Services and  
22 Construction Act and appropriations made in pursuance thereof by  
23 Congress.

1       ~~(d)~~ C. All federal requirements for interlibrary cooperation  
2 and consultation shall be observed and entitlement of the Department  
3 of Libraries to receive federal funds for library services or  
4 construction shall not be impaired by any state law prescribing the  
5 duties, responsibilities and functions of the ~~Section of Services to~~  
6 ~~the Blind (Visual Services)~~ Division of Services for the Blind and  
7 Visually Impaired of the Department.

8       SECTION 2.       AMENDATORY       7 O.S. 2011, Section 71, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10       Section 71. A. For purposes of assisting blind persons to  
11 become self-supporting, the State Department of Rehabilitation  
12 Services is hereby authorized to carry on activities to promote  
13 business opportunities for individuals who are blind, including, but  
14 not limited to, the licensing and establishment of such persons as  
15 operators of vending facilities in public and other buildings.  
16 Facilities shall maximize job opportunities for other persons who  
17 are blind.

18       B. The Department shall be the sole state licensing agency for  
19 the purpose of implementing and carrying out the provisions of the  
20 Act of Congress known as the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 USCA Sections  
21 107-107f), and amendments thereto, providing for the licensing of  
22 individuals who are blind to operate vending facilities in federal  
23 buildings, or any other Acts of Congress which may be hereafter  
24 enacted. Provided, that no game of chance or gambling machine shall

1 be operated. The Division of ~~Visual~~ Services for the Blind and  
2 Visually Impaired of the Department shall administer this program.

3 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 34.77, as  
4 amended by Section 398, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (62 O.S. Supp.  
5 2018, Section 34.77), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 34.77. A. The State Department of Rehabilitation  
7 Services is authorized to establish an encumbrance and preaudit  
8 system for settlement of claims relating to social service benefits  
9 and medical benefits to or for persons eligible under applicable  
10 federal laws and regulations, Oklahoma Statutes, and policies  
11 established by the Commission for Rehabilitation Services for the  
12 following programs:

- 13 1. Vocational and other rehabilitation;
- 14 2. Educational services;
- 15 3. Disability Determination Services; and
- 16 4. ~~Visual~~ Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

17 B. Prior to inclusion in this procedure, the State Department  
18 of Rehabilitation Services shall provide to the Director of the  
19 Office of Management and Enterprise Services, for approval, detailed  
20 listings of the type of payments to be made for each of these  
21 programs specified in subsection A of this section.

22 C. The State Department of Rehabilitation Services shall  
23 provide the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
24 Services a daily report of the dollar amount of claims settled and

1 checks or warrants issued, the dollar amount of checks or warrants  
2 canceled, and the dollar amount of checks or warrants canceled by  
3 statutes.

4 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 2701, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 2701. It is declared to be the public policy of this  
7 state, in order to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare,  
8 to encourage certain knowledgeable persons to make written report to  
9 the Division of ~~Visual~~ Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
10 of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services as to individuals  
11 suffering from blindness or serious visual impairment so that ~~said~~  
12 the Division of Visual Services may inform them as to rehabilitative  
13 education and training programs of the state.

14 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 2702, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 2702. Any licensed surgeon, medical doctor, osteopathic  
17 physician, optometrist, dentist, intern or registered nurse who,  
18 from attending or examining an individual, concludes that such  
19 individual is blind or visually impaired to a material and  
20 uncorrected extent, and in good faith participates in the making of  
21 written report of said conclusion to the Division of ~~Visual~~  
22 ~~Services,~~ Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired of the State  
23 Department of Rehabilitation Services, shall have immunity from  
24 liability, civil and criminal, for so reporting.

1       SECTION 6.       AMENDATORY       74 O.S. 2011, Section 3001, as  
2 last amended by Section 117, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2013 (74 O.S. Supp.  
3 2018, Section 3001), is amended to read as follows:

4       Section 3001. A. There is hereby created in the Office of  
5 Management and Enterprise Services a committee to be known as the  
6 "State Use Committee". The Committee shall consist of seven (7)  
7 members and one nonvoting member as follows:

8       1. A private citizen conversant with the employment needs of  
9 people with severe disabilities who shall be appointed by and serve  
10 at the pleasure of the Governor to act as an advocate for the  
11 employment needs of people with severe disabilities;

12       2. The Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
13 Services or designee;

14       3. The Director of ~~Visual Services~~ the Division of Services for  
15 the Blind and Visually Impaired of the State Department of  
16 Rehabilitation Services, or designee;

17       4. The past president of Oklahoma Community-Based Providers or  
18 designee to serve for a one-year period, who may be reappointed by  
19 the succeeding president;

20       5. An individual or a parent or guardian of an individual with  
21 severe disabilities who participates in vocational programming  
22 through a sheltered environment facility, to be selected by the  
23 Committee;

24       6. The Director of Human Services, or designee;

1        7. A certified procurement officer from any state agency  
2 appointed by the State Purchasing Director, selected to represent  
3 the customer agencies of the State of Oklahoma; and

4        8. As a nonvoting member, a person employed by the Office of  
5 Management and Enterprise Services as a contracting officer in the  
6 purchasing division, appointed by the State Purchasing Director with  
7 the advice of the Committee and designated specifically to solicit,  
8 develop, and negotiate contracts with agencies and individuals.

9        B. The Committee shall elect from among its membership a Chair  
10 and a Vice Chair who shall both serve for a period of one (1) year.

11        C. The private citizen on the Committee shall serve for a  
12 period of two (2) years and may be reappointed by the appointing  
13 authority. Any private citizen appointed pursuant to this section  
14 to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for  
15 which the predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the  
16 remainder of the term.

17        D. Any member of the Committee shall be prohibited from voting  
18 on any issue in which the member has an interest.

19        SECTION 7. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.  
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1 Passed the Senate the 18th day of February, 2019.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2019.

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