

Section 302, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 343, amended by adding two new clauses 23 and 24.

Section 302. Funds.—The moneys paid into the State Treasury, and the moneys of which the State Treasurer is custodian, shall be credited by the Treasury Department to the following funds, as hereinafter provided:

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23. *Vocational Rehabilitation Fund.*—All moneys received by the Treasury Department from the Department of Revenue, arising from moneys received from the Federal Government and from moneys contributed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for vocational rehabilitation services and from all other moneys received as a result of vocational rehabilitation services or for the promotion of vocational rehabilitation services, shall be credited to the Vocational Rehabilitation Fund.

24. *Rehabilitation Center Fund.*—All moneys received by the Treasury Department from the Department of Revenue, arising from fees for services rendered by the Rehabilitation Center at Johnstown, or from other income received by the Center, shall be credited to the Rehabilitation Center Fund.

Act effective immediately.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1959.

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No. 56

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 22, 1945 (P. L. 849), entitled "An act providing for vocational rehabilitation for disabled individuals by the State Board of Vocational Education; authorizing cooperation with other departments and agencies and reciprocal agreements with other states; requiring cooperation with the Federal government; making the State Treasurer custodian and disbursement agent of Federal vocational rehabilitation funds; prohibiting misuse of vocational rehabilitation lists and records; limiting political activity by persons engaged in the administration of vocational rehabilitation and prescribing penalties," changing the definition of vocational rehabilitation, expanding the functions of the State Board, and reducing vocational rehabilitation services available to persons not requiring financial assistance.

Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1945.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Clause (4), section 2, act of May 22, 1945, P. L. 849, amended.

Section 1. Clause (4) of section 2 of the act of May 22, 1945 (P. L. 849), known as the "Vocational Rehabilitation Act of one thousand nine hundred forty-five," is amended to read:

Section 2. Definitions.—As used in this act:

Definitions.

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(4) "Vocational rehabilitation" and "vocational rehabilitation services" mean any services provided directly or through public or private instrumentalities, found to be necessary to compensate a disabled individual for his employment handicap and to enable him to engage in a remunerative occupation or profession, or to achieve such ability of independent living as to enable him to dispense with the need for substantial institutional care or the need of substantial assistance from an attendant or nurse: Provided, That such services to achieve independent living shall not be provided unless Federal grant-in-aid funds are authorized and appropriated by Congress for participation in all or part of the cost of providing such services: And further provided, That such services are rendered under such terms and conditions as may be necessary to secure the full benefits of such Federal aid. "Vocational rehabilitation" services shall [including] include, but are not limited to, medical and vocational diagnosis, medical treatment and therapy, vocational guidance, counseling and placement, rehabilitation training, or instruction, physical restoration, transportation, occupational licenses, occupational tools, equipment and supplies, maintenance, [and training] books, supplies and materials.

Section 2. The first paragraph of section 4 of the act is amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new clause to read:

First paragraph, section 4, act of May 22, 1945, P. L. 849, amended by adding a new clause (7).

Section 4. Administration.—Except as otherwise provided by State law with respect to vocational rehabilitation of the blind, the State board shall provide vocational rehabilitation services to disabled individuals determined to be eligible therefor, and in carrying out the purposes of this act the State board is authorized among other things,

Administration.

(1) To cooperate with other departments, agencies and institutions, both public and private, in providing for the vocational rehabilitation of disabled individuals in studying the problems involved therein, and in establishing, developing and providing, in conformity with the purposes of this act, such programs, facilities and services as may be necessary or desirable,

(2) To enter into reciprocal agreements with other states to provide for the vocational rehabilitation of residents of the states concerned,

(3) To conduct research and compile statistics relating to the vocational rehabilitation of disabled individuals,

(4) To administer the expenditure of funds made available by the government of the United States for vocational rehabilitation,

(5) To make surveys to ascertain the number and condition of physically handicapped persons within the Commonwealth [and],

(6) To administer the laws of the Commonwealth providing for vocational rehabilitation, and

(7) To administer the Rehabilitation Center at Johnstown.

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Section 7, act of May 22, 1945, P. L. 848, amended by adding a new clause (6).

Section 3. Section 7 of the act is amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new clause to read:

Eligibility for vocational rehabilitation.

Section 7. Eligibility for Vocational Rehabilitation.—Vocational rehabilitation services shall be provided to any disabled individual, (1) who is a resident of the State at the time of filing his application therefor, and whose vocational rehabilitation the State board determines after full investigation can be satisfactorily achieved, or (2) who is eligible therefor under the terms of a reciprocal agreement with another state or with the Federal government: Provided, That except as otherwise provided by law, or as specified in any agreement with the Federal government with respect to classes of individuals certified to the State board thereunder, the following rehabilitation services shall be provided at public cost only to disabled individuals found to require financial assistance with respect thereto:

Proviso.

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(6) *Training or instruction.*

Effective immediately.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1959.

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No. 57

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 25, 1933 (P. L. 1050), entitled "An act creating and establishing a fund for the care, maintenance, and relief of aged, retired and disabled employes of the bureau of fire in cities of the second class; creating a board for the management thereof; providing the mode and manner of payment to beneficiaries, and for the care and disposition of its funds; and providing for the transfer and payment of all moneys and securities in existing funds in similar boards superseded by the fund and board herein created," further providing for pension payments to members of the pension fund becoming disabled.