

Public Law 89-333

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AN ACT

To amend the Vocational Rehabilitation Act to assist in providing more flexibility in the financing and administration of State rehabilitation programs, and to assist in the expansion and improvement of services and facilities provided under such programs, particularly for the mentally retarded and other groups presenting special vocational rehabilitation problems, and for other purposes.

Vocational Re-
habilitation Act
Amendments of
1965.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Vocational Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1965".

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; ALLOTMENTS

SEC. 2. (a) Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act are amended to read as follows:

68 Stat. 652.
29 USC 31-33.

"AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR GRANTS; PURPOSES FOR WHICH AVAILABLE

"SECTION 1. (a) The Secretary is authorized to make grants as provided in this Act for the purpose of assisting States in rehabilitating handicapped individuals so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment to the extent of their capabilities, thereby increasing not only their social and economic well-being but also the productive capacity of the Nation.

"(b) (1) For the purpose of making grants to States under section 2 to assist them in meeting the costs of vocational rehabilitation services, there is authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, the sum of \$300,000,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, the sum of \$350,000,000, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, the sum of \$400,000,000.

"(2) For the purpose of making grants under section 3, relating to grants to States to assist them in meeting the costs of projects for innovation of vocational rehabilitation services, there is authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, the sum of \$5,000,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, the sum of \$7,000,000, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, the sum of \$9,000,000.

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"(3) For the purpose of making grants (A) under section 4(a) (1) for research, research, demonstrations, training, and traineeships; (B) under clause (2)(A) of section 4(a) for planning, preparing for, and initiating special programs to expand State vocational rehabilitation services; and (C) under clause (2)(B) of section 4(a) to meet the cost of planning for the development of a comprehensive vocational rehabilitation program in each State, there is authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, the sum of \$80,000,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, the sum of \$104,000,000, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, the sum of \$117,000,000.

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"(4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, and each of the succeeding fiscal years, only such sums may be appropriated for the purposes described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) as the Congress may hereafter authorize by law.

"GRANTS TO STATES FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

"SEC. 2. (a) For each fiscal year each State shall be entitled to an allotment of an amount bearing the same ratio to the amount authorized to be appropriated by paragraph (1) of section 1(b) for meeting

the cost of vocational rehabilitation services, as the product of (1) the population of the State and (2) the square of its allotment percentage (as defined in section 11(h)) bears to the sum of the corresponding products for all the States. The allotment to any State under the preceding sentence which is less than the amount such State was entitled to receive under subsection (b) of this section for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, shall be increased to that amount, the total of the increases thereby required being derived by proportionately reducing the allotments of each of the remaining States under the preceding sentence, but with such adjustments as may be necessary to prevent the allotment of any of such remaining States from being thereby reduced to less than that amount.

“(b) For each fiscal year the Secretary shall pay to each State an amount equal to the Federal share (determined as provided in section 11(i)) of the cost of vocational rehabilitation services under the plan for such State approved under section 5, including expenditures for the administration of the State plan, except that the total of such payments to such State for such fiscal year may not exceed its allotment under subsection (a) for such year, and except that the amount otherwise payable to such State for such year under this section shall be reduced by the amount (if any) by which expenditures from non-Federal sources (except for expenditures with respect to which the State is entitled to payments under section 3) during such year under such State’s plan are less than such expenditures under such plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965.

68 Stat. 661;
74 Stat. 417.
29 USC 41.

Post, p. 1294.
Post, p. 1291.

“GRANTS TO STATES FOR INNOVATION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

“SEC. 3. (a) (1) From the sums available for any fiscal year for grants to States to assist them in meeting the costs described in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each State shall be entitled to an allotment of an amount bearing the same ratio to such sums as the population of the State bears to the population of all the States. The allotment to any State under the preceding sentence for any fiscal year which is less than \$5,000 (or such other amount as may be specified as a minimum allotment in the Act appropriating such sums for such year) shall be increased to that amount, the total of the increases thereby required being derived by proportionately reducing the allotments to each of the remaining States under the preceding sentence, but with such adjustments as may be necessary to prevent the allotment of any of such remaining States from being thereby reduced to less than that amount.

“(2) From each State’s allotment under this section for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall pay to such State a portion of the cost of approved projects for vocational rehabilitation services (including their administration) under the State plan which (A) provide for the development of methods or techniques, which are new in the State, for providing vocational rehabilitation services for handicapped individuals, or (B) are specially designed for development of, or provision for, new or expanded vocational rehabilitation services for groups of handicapped individuals having disabilities which are catastrophic or particularly severe. The Secretary shall approve any project for purposes of this section only if the plan of such State approved under section 5 includes such project or is modified to include it.

“(b) Payments under this section with respect to any project may be made for a period of not to exceed five years beginning with the commencement of the first fiscal year for which any payment is made with respect to such project from an allotment under this section. To

Time limitation.

the extent permitted by the State's allotment under this section, such payments with respect to any project shall be equal to 90 per centum of the cost of such project for the first three years and 75 per centum of the cost of such project for the next two years, except that, at the request of the State, such payments may be less than such percentage of the cost of such project.

"(c) No payment may be made from an allotment under this section with respect to any cost with respect to which any payment is made under section 2."

(b) The amendment made by this section shall be in effect for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 1965, except that payments may be made from a State's allotment under section 3 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act for any project approved under such section before the enactment of this Act. Such payments may be made for the period for which such project was approved and at the rate provided for in such section at the time of such approval.

CONSTRUCTION OF REHABILITATION FACILITIES ; WORKSHOP IMPROVEMENT ;
REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS

SEC. 3. The Vocational Rehabilitation Act is further amended by redesignating sections 12 and 13 as sections 16 and 17, and by inserting after section 11 the following new sections:

"GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF REHABILITATION FACILITIES AND
WORKSHOPS

"SEC. 12. (a) Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 1965, the Secretary is authorized to make grants to assist in meeting the costs of construction of public or other nonprofit workshops and rehabilitation facilities. Such grants may be made only for projects for which applications are approved by the Secretary under this section.

"(b) To be approved, an application for a grant for a construction project under this section must—

"(1) contain or be supported by reasonable assurances that (A) for a period of not less than twenty years after completion of construction of the project it will be used as a public or other nonprofit workshop or rehabilitation facility, (B) sufficient funds will be available to meet the non-Federal share of the cost of construction of the project, and (C) sufficient funds will be available, when construction of the project is completed, for its effective use as a workshop or rehabilitation facility, as the case may be;

"(2) be accompanied or supplemented by plans and specifications which comply with regulations of the Secretary relating to minimum standards of construction and equipment, and with regulations of the Secretary of Labor relating to safety standards for workshops and rehabilitation facilities;

"(3) be approved, in accordance with regulations of the Secretary, by the appropriate State agency designated as provided in section 5(a)(1);

"(4) contain or be supported by reasonable assurance that any laborer or mechanic employed by any contractor or subcontractor in the performance of work on any construction aided by payments pursuant to any grant under this section will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a—276a-5); and the Secretary of Labor shall have, with respect to the labor standards specified in this paragraph, the authority and

Ante, p. 1282.
Effective date.

Ante, p. 676;
68 Stat. 662.
29 USC 31 note.

Applications, re-
quirements for ap-
proval.

Post, p. 1291.
Labor standards.

49 Stat. 1011;
78 Stat. 238.

functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (15 F.R. 3176; 5 U.S.C. 133z-15) and section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276c).

64 Stat. 1267.

63 Stat. 108.

“(c) The amount of a grant under this section with respect to any construction project in any State shall be equal to the same percentage of the cost of such project as the Federal share which is applicable in the case of rehabilitation facilities (as defined in section 625(g) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 291o(g)) in such State, except that if the Federal share with respect to rehabilitation facilities in such State is determined under subparagraph (A) of section 625(b)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 291o(b)(1)), the percentage of the cost for purposes of this section shall be determined in accordance with regulations of the Secretary designed to achieve as nearly as practicable results comparable to the results obtained under such subparagraph.

78 Stat. 461.

“(d) Upon approval of any application for a grant for a construction project under this section, the Secretary shall reserve, from any appropriation available therefor, the amount of such grant determined under subsection (c); the amount so reserved may be paid in advance or by way of reimbursement, and in such installments consistent with construction progress, as the Secretary may determine. In case an amendment to an approved application is approved or the estimated cost of a project is revised upward, any additional payment with respect thereto may be made from the appropriation from which the original reservation was made or the appropriation for the fiscal year in which such amendment or revision is approved.

“(e) If, within twenty years after completion of any construction project for which funds have been paid under this section, the workshop or rehabilitation facility shall cease to be a public or other nonprofit workshop or rehabilitation facility, the United States shall be entitled to recover from the applicant or other owner of the workshop or facility the amount bearing the same ratio to the then value (as determined by agreement of the parties or by action brought in the United States district court for the district in which such workshop or facility is situated) of the workshop or facility, as the amount of the Federal participation bore to the cost of construction of such workshop or facility.

“(f) The Secretary is also authorized to make grants to assist in the initial staffing of any public or other nonprofit workshop or rehabilitation facility constructed after the date of enactment of this section (whether or not such construction was financed with the aid of a grant under this section) by covering part of the costs (determined in accordance with regulations of the Secretary) of compensation of professional or technical personnel of such workshop or facility during the period beginning with the commencement of the operation of such workshop or facility and ending with the close of four years and three months after the month in which such operation commenced. Such grants with respect to any workshop or facility may not exceed 75 per centum of such costs for the period ending with the close of the fifteenth month following the month in which such operation commenced, 60 per centum of such costs for the first year thereafter, 45 per centum of such costs for the second year thereafter, and 30 per centum of such costs for the third year thereafter.

Staffing, Federal share of costs.

“(g) The Secretary is also authorized to make grants (1) to the State agency or agencies designated as provided in section 5(a)(1) to assist in meeting the cost of determining the State's needs for workshops and rehabilitation facilities and (2) upon application approved by the appropriate State agency so designated for such State, to public or other nonprofit agencies, institutions, or organizations to assist them

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in meeting the costs of planning workshops and rehabilitation facilities and the services to be provided thereby.

Payments.

“(h) Payment of grants under subsection (f) or (g) may be made (after necessary adjustment on account of previously made overpayments or underpayments) in advance or by way of reimbursement, and in such installments and on such conditions, as the Secretary may determine.

Appropriation.

“(i) There is authorized to be appropriated for carrying out this section \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, \$7,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, \$9,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968; and for each of the two succeeding fiscal years only such sums may be appropriated for carrying out this section as the Congress may hereafter authorize by law. Sums so appropriated shall remain available for payment with respect to construction projects approved or initial staffing grants made under this section prior to July 1, 1970.

Definitions.

“(j) For purposes of this section—

“(1) ‘construction’ includes construction of new buildings, acquisition of existing buildings, and expansion, remodeling, alteration, and renovation of existing buildings, and initial equipment of such new, newly acquired, expanded, remodeled, altered, or renovated buildings;

“(2) the ‘cost’ of construction includes the cost of architects’ fees and acquisition of land in connection with construction, but does not include the cost of offsite improvements;

“(3) a project for construction of a workshop may include such construction as may be necessary to provide residential accommodations for use in connection with the rehabilitation of mentally retarded individuals or such other categories of handicapped individuals as the Secretary may designate.

“WORKSHOP IMPROVEMENT

“Grants for Projects for Training Services

“SEC. 13. (a) (1) The Secretary is authorized, during the period beginning July 1, 1966, and ending June 30, 1971, to make grants to States and public and other nonprofit organizations and agencies to pay 90 per centum of the cost of projects for providing training services to handicapped individuals in public or other nonprofit workshops and rehabilitation facilities.

Training and related services defined.

“(2) (A) Training services, for purposes of this subsection, shall include training in occupational skills; related services, including work evaluation, work testing, provision of occupational tools and equipment required by the individual to engage in such training, and job tryouts; and payment of weekly allowances to individuals receiving such training and related services.

Trainees’ allowances.

“(B) Such allowances may not be paid to any individual for any period in excess of two years, and such allowances for any week shall not exceed \$25 plus \$10 for each of the individual’s dependents, or \$65, whichever is less. In determining the amount of such allowance for any individual, consideration shall be given to the individual’s need for such an allowance, including any expenses reasonably attributable to receipt of training services, the extent to which such an allowance will help assure entry into and satisfactory completion of training, and such other factors, specified by the Secretary, as will promote such individual’s fitness to engage in a remunerative occupation.

Conditions.

“(3) The Secretary may make a grant for a project pursuant to this subsection only on his determination that (A) the purpose of such

project is to prepare handicapped individuals for a gainful occupation, (B) the individuals to receive training services under such project will include only individuals who have been determined to be suitable for and in need of such training services by the State agency or agencies designated as provided in section 5(a) (1) of the State in which the workshop or rehabilitation facility is located, (C) the full range of training services will be made available to each such individual, to the extent of his need for such services, and (D) the project, including the participating workshop or rehabilitation facility and the training services provided, meet such other requirements as he may prescribe for carrying out the purposes of this subsection.

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“(4) Payments under this subsection may be made in installments, and in advance or by way of reimbursement, as may be determined by the Secretary, and shall be made on such conditions as he finds necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

Payments.

“Workshop Improvement Grants

“(b) (1) The Secretary is authorized to make grants to public or other nonprofit workshops during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, and each of the four succeeding fiscal years to pay part of the cost of projects to analyze, improve, and increase their professional services to the handicapped, their business management, or any other part of their operations affecting their capacity to provide employment and services for the handicapped.

“(2) No part of any grant made pursuant to this subsection may be used to pay costs of acquiring, constructing, expanding, remodeling, or altering any building.

Restriction.

“(3) Payments under this subsection may be made in installments, and in advance or by way of reimbursement, as may be determined by the Secretary, and shall be made on such conditions as he finds necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

Payments.

“Technical Assistance to Workshops

“(c) (1) The Secretary is authorized, directly or by contract with State vocational rehabilitation agencies or experts or consultants or groups thereof, to provide technical assistance to workshops.

Experts or consultants.

“(2) Any such experts or consultants shall, while serving pursuant to such contracts, be entitled to receive compensation at rates fixed by the Secretary, but not exceeding \$100 per diem, including travel time, and while so serving away from their homes or regular places of business they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5 of the Administrative Expense Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 73b-2) for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

Compensation.

60 Stat. 808;
75 Stat. 339, 340.

“National Policy and Performance Council

“(d) (1) There is hereby established in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare a National Policy and Performance Council, consisting of twelve members, not otherwise in the regular full-time employ of the United States, appointed by the Secretary without regard to the civil service laws. The Secretary shall from time to time appoint one of the members to serve as Chairman. The appointed members shall be selected from among leaders in the vocational rehabilitation or workshop fields, State or local government, and business and from among representatives of related professions, labor leaders, and the general public. Each appointed member shall hold office for

Membership.

Term of office.

a term of four years, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term, and except that, of the twelve members first appointed, three shall hold office for a term of three years, three shall hold office for a term of two years, and three shall hold office for a term of one year, as designated by the Secretary at the time of appointment. None of such twelve members shall be eligible for reappointment until a year has elapsed after the end of his preceding term.

Duties.

“(2) The Council shall (A) advise the Secretary with respect to the policies and criteria to be used by him in determining whether or not to make grants under subsection (a); (B) make recommendations to the Secretary with respect to workshop improvement and the extent to which this section is effective in accomplishing this purpose; and (C) perform such other services with respect to workshops as the Secretary may request.

“(3) The Secretary shall make available to the Council such technical, administrative, and other assistance as it may require to carry out its functions.

Compensation.

“(4) Appointed members of the Council, while attending meetings or conferences thereof or otherwise serving on business of the Council, shall be entitled to receive compensation at rates fixed by the Secretary, but not exceeding \$100 per day, including travel time, and while so serving away from their homes or regular places of business they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 73b-2) for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

60 Stat. 808;
75 Stat. 339, 340.Safety stand-
ards.

“(e) The Secretary shall make no grant under this section to any workshop or rehabilitation facility which does not comply with safety standards which the Secretary of Labor shall prescribe by regulation.

Appropriation.

“(f) There is authorized to be appropriated for making grants under subsection (a) and subsection (b) of this section \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, \$9,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, \$14,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, and for each of the three succeeding fiscal years only such sums may be appropriated for making grants under subsection (a) and subsection (b) of this section as the Congress may hereafter authorize by law.

“WAIVER OF STATEWIDENESS REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCALLY FINANCED
ACTIVITY

“SEC. 14. In the case of any activity which, in the judgment of the Secretary, is likely to assist in promoting the vocational rehabilitation of substantially larger numbers of handicapped individuals or the vocational rehabilitation of individuals with particular types of disabilities in a State or States, the Secretary may waive compliance, with respect to vocational rehabilitation services furnished as part of such activity, with the requirement of section 5(a)(3) that the plan be in effect in all political subdivisions of the State to the extent and for such period as may be provided in accordance with regulations prescribed by him, but only if the non-Federal share of the cost of such vocational rehabilitation services is met from funds made available by a political subdivision of the State (including, to the extent permitted by such regulations, funds contributed to such subdivision by a private agency, organization, or individual).

68 Stat. 657.
29 USC 35.

“NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS TO REHABILITATION
OF THE HANDICAPPED

“SEC. 15. (a) There is hereby established in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare a National Commission on Architectural Barriers to Rehabilitation of the Handicapped, consisting of the Secretary, or his designee, who shall be Chairman, and not more than fifteen members appointed by the Secretary without regard to the civil service laws. The fifteen appointed members shall be representative of the general public, and of private and professional groups having an interest in and able to contribute to the solution of architectural problems which impede the rehabilitation of the handicapped.

Membership.

“(b) The Commission shall (1) determine how and to what extent architectural barriers impede access to or use of facilities in buildings of all types by the handicapped; (2) determine what is being done, especially by public and other nonprofit agencies and groups having an interest in and a capacity to deal with the problem, to eliminate such barriers from existing buildings and to prevent their incorporation into buildings constructed in the future; and (3) prepare plans and proposals for such further action as may be necessary to achieve the goal of ready access to and full use of facilities in buildings of all types by the handicapped, including proposals for bringing together in a cooperative effort, agencies, organizations, and groups already working toward that goal or whose cooperation is essential to effective and comprehensive action.

Duties.

“(c) The Commission is authorized to appoint such special advisory and technical experts and consultants, and to establish such committees, as may be useful in carrying out its functions, to make studies, and to contract for studies or demonstrations to assist it in performing its functions. The Secretary shall make available to the Commission such technical, administrative, and other assistance as it may require to carry out its functions.

Experts and consultants.

“(d) Appointed members of the Commission and special advisory and technical experts and consultants appointed pursuant to subsection (c) shall, while attending meetings or conferences thereof or otherwise serving on business of the Commission, be entitled to receive compensation at rates fixed by the Secretary, but not exceeding \$100 per day, including travel time; and while so serving away from their homes or regular places of business they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence as authorized by section 5 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 73b-2) for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

Compensation.

“(e) The Commission shall, prior to January 1, 1968, submit a final report of its activities, together with its recommendations for further carrying out the purposes of this section, to the Secretary for transmission by him together with his recommendations to the President and then to the Congress. The Commission shall also prepare such interim reports as the Secretary may request.

60 Stat. 808;
75 Stat. 339, 340.
Reports to President and Congress.

“(f) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, and each of the two succeeding fiscal years, the sum of \$250,000 for carrying out the purposes of this section.”

Appropriation.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING TO EXPAND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

SEC. 4. (a) (1) Section 4(a) of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 34(a)) is amended by striking out “(1)” where it first appears therein and inserting it immediately after “the Secretary shall make grants”.

68 Stat. 655.

71 Stat. 488.
29 USC 34.

Restriction.

(2) Clause (2) of section 4(a) of such Act is amended to read: “(2) (A) to States and public and other nonprofit organizations and agencies for paying part of the cost of planning, preparing for, and initiating special programs to expand vocational rehabilitation services in those States where, in the judgment of the Secretary, such action holds promise of yielding a substantial increase in the number of persons vocationally rehabilitated, except that sums appropriated for any fiscal year beginning after June 30, 1970, shall not be available for grants under this clause, and sums appropriated for any fiscal year ending prior to July 1, 1970, for grants under this clause shall remain available for such grants until the close of June 30, 1971, and (B) to States (but not to exceed \$100,000 for any State for any fiscal year) to meet the cost of planning for the development of a comprehensive vocational rehabilitation program in each State, with a view to achieving the orderly development of vocational rehabilitation services in the State (including vocational rehabilitation services provided by private nonprofit agencies), and making vocational rehabilitation services available to all handicapped individuals in the State by July 1, 1975, except that sums appropriated for any fiscal year beginning prior to July 1, 1965, or ending after June 30, 1967, shall not be available for grants under this clause, and sums appropriated for the period beginning July 1, 1965, and ending June 30, 1967, for grants under this clause shall remain available for such grants until the close of June 30, 1968.”

Restriction.

68 Stat. 656.

(3) Paragraph (2) of section 4(d) of such Act is amended by inserting “(other than subsection (a) (2))” after “under this section” where it first appears therein, and by striking out “under this section” where it next appears therein and inserting in lieu thereof “thereunder”.

Effective date.

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be effective with respect to fiscal years beginning after June 30, 1965.

RAISING OF LIMITATIONS ON TRAINING

SEC. 5. (a) Section 4(a) of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 34(a)) is amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in lieu thereof: “Grants for training and traineeships under clause (1) of this subsection may include training and traineeships in physical medicine and rehabilitation, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology and audiology, rehabilitation nursing, rehabilitation social work, prosthetics and orthotics, rehabilitation psychology, rehabilitation counseling, recreation for the ill and handicapped, and other specialized fields contributing to vocational rehabilitation. No grant shall be made under clause (1) or clause (2) of this subsection for furnishing to an individual any one course of study extending for a period in excess of four years”.

71 Stat. 474;
Post, p. 1291.

(b) Section 7(a) (3) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 37(a) (3)) is amended by striking out all that follows “any one course of study” and inserting in lieu thereof “for a period in excess of four years, and such training, instruction, fellowships, and traineeships may be in the fields of physical medicine and rehabilitation, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology and audiology, rehabilitation nursing, rehabilitation social work, prosthetics and orthotics, rehabilitation psychology, rehabilitation counseling, recreation for the ill and handicapped, and other specialized fields contributing to vocational rehabilitation; and”.

DELETION OF ECONOMIC NEED AS REQUIREMENT FOR SERVICES

SEC. 6. (a) Section 11(a) of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 41) is amended by striking out "in the case of any such individual found to require financial assistance with respect thereto,"

68 Stat. 659.

(b) Paragraph (6) of section 11(a) of such Act is amended by striking out "(except where necessary in connection with determinations of eligibility or nature or scope of services)".

RESEARCH AND INFORMATION

SEC. 7. (a) Effective July 1, 1965, section 7(a) of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 37(a)) is amended by deleting paragraph (1); by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) as paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), respectively; and by striking out, in the paragraph herein redesignated as paragraph (3), "as to the studies, investigations, demonstrations, and reports referred to in paragraph (1) and other matters".

(b) Effective July 1, 1965, section 7 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 37) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(c) The Secretary is authorized, directly or by contract—

"(1) to conduct research, studies, investigations, and demonstrations, and to make reports, with respect to abilities, aptitudes, and capacities of handicapped individuals, development of their potentialities, and their utilization in gainful and suitable employment; and

"(2) to plan, establish, and operate an information service, to make available to agencies, organizations, and other groups and persons concerned with vocational rehabilitation, information on rehabilitation resources useful for various kinds of disability and on research and the results thereof and on other matters which may be helpful in promoting the rehabilitation of handicapped individuals and their greater utilization in gainful and suitable employment.

"(d) There are authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, and each succeeding fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this section."

Appropriation.

FLEXIBILITY IN STATE ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 8. (a) Subsection (a) of section 5 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 35(a)) is amended by striking out paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(1)(A) designate a State agency as the sole State agency to administer the plan, or to supervise its administration in a political subdivision of the State by a sole local agency of such political subdivision, except that where under the State's law the State blind commission, or other agency which provides assistance or services to the adult blind, is authorized to provide them vocational rehabilitation services, such commission or agency may be designated as the sole State agency to administer the part of the plan under which vocational rehabilitation services are provided for the blind (or to supervise the administration of such part in a political subdivision of the State by a sole local agency of such political subdivision) and a separate State agency may be designated as the sole State agency with respect to the rest of the State plan;

"(B) provide that the State agency so designated to administer or supervise the administration of the State plan, or (if there are two State agencies designated under subparagraph (A)) so much

of the State plan as does not relate to services for the blind, shall be (i) a State agency primarily concerned with vocational rehabilitation, or vocational and other rehabilitation, of disabled individuals, (ii) the State agency administering or supervising the administration of education or vocational education in the State, or (iii) a State agency which includes at least two other major organizational units each of which administers one or more of the major public education, public health, public welfare, or labor programs of the State;

“(2) provide, except in the case of agencies described in paragraph (1) (B) (i) —

“(A) that the State agency designated pursuant to paragraph (1) (or each State agency if two are so designated) shall include a vocational rehabilitation bureau, division, or other organizational unit which (i) is primarily concerned with vocational rehabilitation, or vocational and other rehabilitation, of disabled individuals, and is responsible for the vocational rehabilitation program of such State agency, (ii) has a full-time director, and (iii) has a staff employed on such rehabilitation work of such organizational unit all or substantially all of whom are employed full time on such work; and

“(B) (i) that such unit shall be located at an organizational level and shall have an organizational status within such State agency comparable to that of other major organizational units of such agency or (ii) in the case of an agency described in paragraph (1) (B) (ii), either that such unit shall be so located and have such status or that the director of such unit shall be the executive officer of such State agency; except that, in the case of a State which has designated only one State agency pursuant to paragraph (1), such State may, if it so desires, assign responsibility for the part of the plan under which vocational rehabilitation services are provided for the blind to one organizational unit of such agency and assign responsibility for the rest of the plan to another organizational unit of such agency, with the provisions of this paragraph (2) applying separately to each of such units.”

Effective date.

(b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall become effective July 1, 1967, except that, in the case of any State, such amendments shall be effective on such earlier date (on or after the date of enactment of this Act) as such State has in effect an approved plan meeting the requirements of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act as amended by subsection (a).

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND THE DEAF

68 Stat. 659.

SEC. 9. So much of subsection (a) of section 11 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 41(a)) as precedes paragraph (1) is amended by inserting after the second semicolon “provision, in the case of handicapped individuals, of reader services for such individuals who are blind and of interpreter services in the case of such individuals who are deaf;”.

SERVICES TO DETERMINE REHABILITATION POTENTIAL OF RECIPIENT

SEC. 10. (a) Subsection (b) of section 11 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 41(b)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof: “; except that nothing in the preceding provisions of this subsection or in subsection (a) shall be construed to exclude from ‘vocational rehabilitation services’ any goods or serv-

ices provided to an individual who is under a physical or mental disability which constitutes a substantial handicap to employment, during the period, not in excess of eighteen months in the case of any individual who is mentally retarded or has a disability designated for this purpose by the Secretary, or six months in the case of an individual with any other disability, determined (in accordance with regulations of the Secretary) to be necessary for, and which are provided for the purpose of, ascertaining whether it may reasonably be expected that such individual will be rendered fit to engage in a remunerative occupation through the provision of goods and services described in subsection (a), but only if the goods or services provided to him during such period would constitute 'vocational rehabilitation services' if his disability were of such a nature that he would be a 'handicapped individual' under such preceding provisions of this subsection".

68 Stat. 659.
29 USC 41.

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply in the case of expenditures made after June 30, 1965, under a State plan approved under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act.

Applicability.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND SUPERVISION OF BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OF THE HANDICAPPED

SEC. 11. Effective July 1, 1966, section 11(a)(7) of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 41(a)(7)) is amended to read as follows:

"(7) in the case of any type of small business operated by the severely handicapped the operation of which can be improved by management services and supervision provided by the State agency, the provision of such services and supervision, alone or together with the acquisition by the State agency of vending stands or other equipment and initial stocks and supplies; and".

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

SEC. 12. (a) Section 4(d)(3) of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 34(d)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

"(3) Appointed members of the Council, while attending meetings or conferences thereof or otherwise serving on business of the Council or at the request of the Secretary, shall be entitled to receive compensation at rates fixed by the Secretary, but not exceeding \$100 per day, including travel time, and while so serving away from their homes or regular places of business they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 73b-2) for persons in the Government service employed intermittently."

National Advisory Council members.

(b)(1) The last sentence of section 4(a), the second sentence of section 4(d)(1), the first sentence of section 4(d)(2), section 5(a)(4), the paragraphs of section 7(a) redesignated (by section 7 of this Act) as paragraphs (1) and (3), the portion of section 11(a) preceding paragraph (1), paragraph (8) of section 11(a), section 11(b), and so much of section 11(c) as precedes paragraph (1), of such Act, are each amended by striking out "physically handicapped individuals" and inserting in lieu thereof "handicapped individuals".

60 Stat. 808;
75 Stat. 339, 340.
29 USC 35.

(2) The third sentence of section 4(d)(1) of such Act is amended by striking out "physically handicapped" and inserting in lieu thereof "handicapped".

(3) Section 8 of such Act is amended by striking out "Physically Handicapped" and inserting in lieu thereof "Handicapped" and by striking out "handicapped individuals" and inserting in lieu thereof "individuals".

29 USC 38.

68 Stat. 660.
29 USC 41.

(c) Section 11(d) of such Act is amended by striking out "severely handicapped individuals" and inserting in lieu thereof "the severely handicapped".

(d) Subsections (a), (b), and (d) of section 11 of such Act are amended by striking out "remunerative" and inserting in lieu thereof "gainful".

FEDERAL SHARE

SEC. 13. (a) Effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, section 11(i) of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act is amended to read as follows:

"(i) The term 'Federal share' for any State shall be equal to its Federal share as determined hereunder for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, plus one-half the difference between such share and 75 per centum."

(b) Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 1966, such section 11(i) is amended to read as follows:

"(i) The term 'Federal share' means 75 per centum."

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED

78 Stat. 221.

SEC. 14. The joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution authorizing an appropriation for the work of the President's Committee on National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week", approved July 11, 1949 (63 Stat. 409), as amended, is amended by striking out "\$400,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$500,000".

Approved November 8, 1965.

Public Law 89-334

November 8, 1965
[S. 2542]

AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act.

Revolving fund.
Ante, p. 484.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4(c) of the Small Business Act is amended by striking out "\$1,721,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,841,000,000".

Approved November 8, 1965.

Public Law 89-335

November 8, 1965
[H. R. 5493]

AN ACT

To provide that the flag of the United States of America may be flown for twenty-four hours of each day in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Lexington,
Mass.
Display of U.S.
flag.

56 Stat. 1074.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any rule or custom pertaining to the display of the flag of the United States of America as set forth in the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to codify and emphasize existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag of the United States of America", approved June 22, 1942 (36 U.S.C. 171-178), the flag of the United States of America may be flown for twenty-four hours of each day on the green of the town of Lexington, Massachusetts. The flag may not be flown pursuant to the authority contained in this Act during the hours from sunset to sunrise unless it is illuminated.

Approved November 8, 1965.