

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To establish the Rehabilitation Services Program to assist individuals with disabilities in achieving gainful employment, and to authorize the Mayor to establish an economic needs test to be used in determining the ability of applicants for and recipients of vocational rehabilitation services to contribute to payment of the costs of the vocational rehabilitation services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Rehabilitation Services Program Establishment Act of 2004".

Sec. 2. Establishment of the Rehabilitation Services Program.

(a) There is established a Rehabilitation Services Program that shall provide comprehensive, coordinated, efficient, and accountable federally subsidized services to individuals with disabilities, including individuals with significant disabilities, to assist those individuals in achieving gainful employment in accordance with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, approved August 7, 1998 (112 Stat. 1116; 29 U.S.C. § 720 *et seq.*).

(b) The Mayor shall establish an economic needs test to be used in determining the ability of applicants for and recipients of vocational rehabilitation services to contribute to the payment of the costs of the vocational rehabilitation services.

Sec. 3. Rules.

The Mayor, pursuant to Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, effective October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), shall issue rules to implement the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

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Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia