

CHAPTER 118.

[H. B. 75.]

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION—NONDISABLED
VOCATIONALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

AN ACT relating to vocational rehabilitation of certain nondisabled vocationally handicapped persons; and amending sections 74.11.010, 74.11.020, 74.11.030, 74.11.040 and 74.11.070, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.11.010, 74.11.020, 74.11.030, 74.11.040 and 74.11.070.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

RCW 74.11.010 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 74.11.010, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.11.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Vocational rehabilitation. Purpose.

This chapter provides for the attainment of full or partial self-support of nondisabled vocationally handicapped persons, including recipients of public assistance, whose capacity to earn a living is impaired.

RCW 74.11.020 amended.

SEC. 2. Section 74.11.020, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.11.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Nondisabled vocationally handicapped person" means an individual:

(a) Who does not have a substantial physical or mental handicap;

(b) Who is receiving public assistance or who is receiving aid or services from a public or private agency or from the courts; and

(c) Who is "vocationally handicapped," because of lack of training, experience, skills, and other factors, which, if corrected, would lead to self-support instead of dependency.

(2) "Board" means the state board for vocational education and includes the division of vocational rehabilitation of the "board".

(3) "Private agency" means an incorporated nonprofit organization.

SEC. 3. Section 74.11.030, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.11.030 are each amended to read as follows: RCW 74.11.030 amended.

To be eligible for vocational rehabilitation under this chapter, a person must: Persons eligible.

(1) Be a "nondisabled vocationally handicapped person", as defined in RCW 74.11.020; and

(2) Either be, or be expected to become, responsible for his own maintenance, or be the responsible head of a household; and

(3) Have a potential capacity which would warrant development with a reasonable chance for employment after rehabilitation services; and

(4) Be accessible to services, or be willing to move if necessary to take advantage of the services offered; and

(5) Be referred by the department of public assistance or a public or private agency or court: *Provided*, That any such person referred by the department of public assistance or a public or private agency or court for vocational rehabilitation may be denied public assistance if, and for as long as, such person without good cause (a) fails or refuses to accept such services, or (b) after referral fails or refuses to cooperate with the board in undergoing such training as is deemed necessary by the board to accomplish his vocational rehabilitation. Proviso.

The department of public assistance, or a public or private agency or court referring a nondisabled vocationally handicapped person for vocational rehabilitation, shall forward with such referral any medical, psychiatric, social, financial, or other information that the board may request under the customary rules and confidentiality.

RCW 74.11.040 amended.

SEC. 4. Section 74.11.040, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.11.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Vocational rehabilitation. Powers and duties of board.

The board shall:

(1) Disburse all funds provided by law, and all funds obtained from private and other sources, that are unconditionally offered for the rehabilitation program provided for by this chapter;

(2) Appoint and fix the compensation of the personnel necessary to administer this chapter;

(3) Vocationally rehabilitate and place in remunerative occupation, insofar as it is deemed possible and feasible, persons eligible for the benefits of this chapter: *Provided*, That eligible persons accepted from public or private agencies or from the courts for vocational rehabilitation and placement shall not exceed ten percent of the total of all eligible persons accepted for vocational rehabilitation and placement pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;

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(4) Provide for the training of personnel as may be needed to carry out and to develop vocational rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of those eligible for the benefits of this chapter;

(5) Make such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the administration of this chapter;

(6) Make exploratory or evaluation studies, reviews and do research as may be needed.

RCW 74.11.070 amended.

SEC. 5. Section 74.11.070, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.11.070 are each amended to read as follows:

Acceptance of federal acts.

The state of Washington accepts the provisions and benefits of any acts of congress which provide for the rehabilitation of nondisabled vocationally handicapped persons as defined in RCW 74.11.020.

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Passed the Senate March 12, 1963.

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