

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

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Return Address: P.O. Box 91297 Rule Title: Title 67 – Social Services, Part VII -
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9197 Rehabilitation Services, Chapter 1, for
Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Takes Effect: July 20, 2015

SUMMARY

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In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule amends Louisiana Administrative Code, Chapter 67, Part VII, and Chapter 1, Section 103 – Enabling Legislation, Section 105 – Confidentiality, Section 115 – Financial, Section 117 – Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and Section 119 – Transition Process for Individuals in Secondary Education Programs related to the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program policy manual. The amendments provide clarification of processes and update guidelines used in the determination of financial assistance for eligible consumers.

In Section 103 – Enabling Legislation, the proposed rule updates the VR policy manual to reflect the transfer of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) to the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) from the Department of Social Services per Act 939 of the 2010 Regular Legislative Session. In Section 105 - Confidentiality, the proposed rule clarifies the need to have written consent to release an individual’s case file information. In Section 115 – Financial, the proposed rule removes the out-of-date basic living requirement chart and utilizes the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ poverty guidelines; thus, allowing the agency access to the most up-to-date information when determining financial assistance for eligible consumers. In Section 117 – Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the proposed rule restructures policy pertaining to the scope of establishing a small business. In Section 119 – Transition Process for Individuals in Secondary Education Program, the proposed rule revises the definition of “transition student”.

Implementation costs associated with this proposed rule is the cost of publishing which is estimated to be approximately \$1,200 of Federal Funds. Publishing cost associated with rulemaking is routinely included in the agency’s annual operating budget.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local government units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule is not anticipated to have any fiscal impact on persons directly affected or non-governmental groups. Individuals will continue to access vocational rehabilitation services through LRS/LWC.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule is not anticipated to have an impact on competition and employment.

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