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AN ACT

Relating to handicapped individuals; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 23.15.060(a) is amended to read:

(a) The board acting through the division of vocational rehabilitation may enter into necessary agreements on behalf of the state with the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to carry out the provisions of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, and as it is subsequently amended, relating to the making of determinations of disability under Title II and Title XVI of that Act.

* Sec. 2. AS 23.15.080(b) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

(b) In determining the types and extent of vocational rehabilitation services to be provided to a handicapped individual, the division shall take into consideration any similar benefits which may be available to the individual under other programs. However, the division will not take other benefits into consideration when doing so would significantly delay the provision of needed services to the handicapped individual. The division need not take other benefits into consideration when they are for

(1) diagnostic and related services (including transportation and subsistence in connection with those services);

(2) counseling, guidance, and referral;

(3) training, including personal and vocational adjustment training, and necessary training materials;

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(4) services to members of families of handicapped individuals;

(5) job placement; and

(6) services necessary to assist handicapped individuals to maintain suitable employment.

* Sec. 3. AS 23.15.210(4) is amended to read:

(4) "handicapped individual" means an individual having a physical or mental disability which for that individual constitutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment and who can reasonably be expected to benefit in terms of employability from the provision of vocational rehabilitation services;

* Sec. 4. AS 23.15.210(5) is amended to read:

(5) "individual having a physical or mental disability" means an individual who has a physical or mental condition which materially limits, contributes to limiting, or, if not corrected, will probably result in limiting his activities or functioning;

* Sec. 5. AS 23.15.210(6) is amended to read:

(6) "vocational rehabilitation service" means goods and services, including diagnostic and related services, necessary to enable a handicapped individual to engage in gainful employment;

* Sec. 6. AS 23.15.210(7) is amended to read:

(7) "workshop" means a rehabilitation facility engaged in a production or service operation which is operated for the primary purpose of providing gainful employment or professional services to the handicapped as an interim step in the rehabilitation process for those who cannot readily be absorbed in the competitive labor market or during times when employment opportunities for them in the competitive labor market do not exist.

* Sec 7. AS 23.15.270 is amended to read:

ARTICLE 2. GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF HANDICAPPED.

Sec. 23.15.270. COOPERATION WITH OTHER COMMITTEES AND AGENCIES. The committee shall work in close cooperation with local committees and with the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped to carry out the purpose of secs. 220 - 320 of this chapter more effectively, and with state and federal agencies having responsibilities for employment and rehabilitation of the handicapped.

* Sec. 8. AS 23.15.290 is amended to read:

Sec. 23.15.290. EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK. Each year the governor shall issue a proclamation designating the first full week in May as Alaska Employ the Handicapped Week. During this week, appropriate ceremonies shall be

held throughout the state for the purpose of enlisting public support for, and interest in the employment of, the handicapped. The mayors of cities, and heads of government instrumentalities, and leaders of industry and business, educational and religious groups, labor, veterans, women, farm, scientific and professional, and all other interested organizations and individuals shall be invited to participate.

* Sec. 9. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).