

A bill to amend 1978 PA 260, entitled

"An act to revise and codify the laws relating to blind persons and visually handicapped; to create a commission; to prescribe its powers and duties and those of other state agencies relative to blind persons; to provide services, education, training, and assistance to blind persons; to regulate concessions operated by blind persons; to transfer powers, duties, functions, and appropriations; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,"

by amending the title and sections 4 and 6 (MCL 393.354 and 393.356).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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TITLE

2 An act to revise and codify the laws relating to blind per-  
3 sons and ~~visually handicapped~~ PERSONS WITH A VISUAL DISABILITY;  
4 to create a commission; to prescribe its powers and duties and  
5 those of other state agencies relative to blind persons; to  
6 provide services, education, training, and assistance to blind  
7 persons; to regulate concessions operated by blind persons; to

1 transfer powers, duties, functions, and appropriations; and to  
2 repeal ~~certain~~ acts and parts of acts.

3       Sec. 4. (1) The commission shall maintain a program of  
4 services to assist ~~visually handicapped~~ persons WITH A VISUAL  
5 DISABILITY to overcome vocational ~~handicaps~~ DISABILITIES and to  
6 obtain the maximum degree of self-support and self-care.

7 Services provided for under this section may be furnished to cli-  
8 ents from other agencies of this or other states for a fee which  
9 shall not be less than the actual costs of the services.

10       (2) The commission shall:

11       (a) Furnish diagnostic evaluation to determine the nature  
12 and scope of services to be provided.

13       (b) Provide physical restoration to eliminate or minimize  
14 the effects of the ~~handicap~~ DISABILITY.

15       (c) Provide for special education or training in the profes-  
16 sions, businesses, or trades under a vocational rehabilitation  
17 plan. The commission may furnish living maintenance during the  
18 period of the education or training within or without the state.

19       (d) Provide services to blind persons in accordance with the  
20 rehabilitation act of 1973, PUBLIC LAW 93-112, 29 U.S.C. 701 to  
21 ~~794~~ 707, 709 TO 718b, 720 TO 750, 753 TO 753a, 760 TO 762, 765,  
22 770, 771a TO 777b, 777d TO 777f, 780, 781 TO 785, 791 TO 794e,  
23 795 TO 795r, 796 TO 796f-6, 796j TO 796l, AND 797 TO 797b.

24       (e) Establish, construct, or maintain rehabilitation cen-  
25 ters, training centers, or workshops to teach ~~visually~~  
26 ~~handicapped~~ persons WITH VISUAL DISABILITIES to prepare for and  
27 maintain trades or occupations when the training is feasible and

1 will contribute to the efficiency or support of the ~~visually~~  
2 ~~handicapped~~ persons WITH VISUAL DISABILITIES.

3 (f) Provide teacher-counselor services and teaching of  
4 subjects which will assist ~~visually handicapped~~ persons WITH  
5 VISUAL DISABILITIES in the ease and enjoyment of daily living.

6 (g) Place ~~visually handicapped~~ persons WITH VISUAL  
7 DISABILITIES in jobs or business enterprises in accordance with  
8 the abilities and interests of the applicant.

9 (h) Teach ~~visually handicapped~~ persons WITH VISUAL  
10 DISABILITIES trades or occupations which may be followed in their  
11 homes and to assist them in whatever manner may seem advisable in  
12 disposing of the products of their home industries.

13 (i) Aid individual ~~visually handicapped~~ persons WITH  
14 VISUAL DISABILITIES or groups of ~~visually handicapped~~ persons  
15 WITH VISUAL DISABILITIES to engage in gainful occupations by fur-  
16 nishing materials, equipment, goods, or services to them, by pro-  
17 viding financial assistance as necessary to encourage and equip  
18 them to reach an objective established with them by the  
19 commission.

20 (j) Provide rehabilitation services for blind persons who  
21 are senior citizens so that they may reside within a community.

22 (k) Provide other rehabilitative goods and services as  
23 appropriate to each individual circumstance.

24 Sec. 6. (1) The commission may employ qualified educational  
25 consultants to assist public or private school teachers responsi-  
26 ble for teaching ~~visually handicapped~~ students WITH VISUAL  
27 DISABILITIES. Educational consultants shall assist public and

1 private school teachers by providing methods and materials for  
2 teaching ~~visually handicapped~~ students WITH VISUAL  
3 DISABILITIES. The superintendent of public instruction shall  
4 inform the commission of the schools in which ~~visually~~  
5 ~~handicapped~~ students WITH VISUAL DISABILITIES are enrolled.

6 (2) The director or a person designated by the director  
7 shall be the liaison between the commission, the schools for the  
8 blind, and the superintendent of public instruction, and shall  
9 coordinate all programs affecting blind students.