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SYNOPSIS

Concerns financial need policy used to determine costs to clients to participate in certain vocational rehabilitation services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning costs of certain vocational rehabilitation
2 services and supplementing chapter 16 of Title 34 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. Not later than one year following the effective date of this
9 act, the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, in
10 consultation with the Director of the Division of Vocational
11 Rehabilitation Services, shall update the financial need
12 requirements used to determine client participation in the cost of
13 vocational rehabilitation services related to postsecondary
14 education, credential attainment, and career training.

15 b. The commissioner shall annually review the financial need
16 requirements and provide, as necessary, for the adjustment of
17 income and asset thresholds to ensure that client participation in the
18 cost of vocational rehabilitation services remains up-to-date.

19 c. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter eligibility
20 for vocational rehabilitation services established under federal or
21 State law, or to affect financial need determinations for services
22 other than those described in subsection a. of this section.

23 d. The commissioner shall submit an annual report to the
24 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
25 19.1), to the Legislature concerning the standards used to determine
26 the income and asset thresholds, any updates to those thresholds
27 under this act, and recommendations, including any legislative
28 proposals the commissioner deems appropriate.

29 e. The commissioner, in consultation with the director, shall
30 adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative
31 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate
32 the purposes of this act.

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34 2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after the date of
35 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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40 This bill concerns the financial need policy used to determine
41 client participation in the cost of certain vocational rehabilitation
42 services.

43 The bill requires the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce
44 Development, in consultation with the Director of the Division of
45 Vocational Rehabilitation Services, to update the financial need
46 requirements used to determine client participation in the cost of
47 vocational rehabilitation services related to postsecondary
48 education, credential attainment, and career training.

1 Under the bill, the commissioner is required to annually review
2 the financial need requirements and provide, as necessary, for the
3 adjustment of income and asset thresholds to ensure that client
4 participation in the cost of vocational rehabilitation services
5 remains up-to-date.

6 The bill requires the commissioner to submit an annual report to
7 the Governor and the Legislature concerning the standards used to
8 determine the income and asset thresholds, any updates to those
9 thresholds, and recommendations, including any legislative
10 proposals the commissioner deems appropriate.

11 The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services provides
12 services to eligible individuals with disabilities who need services
13 in order to secure employment.