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DIGEST

Heitmeier (SB 482)

Present law provides the state of Louisiana accepts the provisions and benefits of the Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for the promotion of vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry or otherwise and their return to civil employment," 29 U.S.C.A. §701 et seq., and will observe and comply with all requirements of such act.

Present law provides the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) may establish and administer an adequate system of conservation of sight and prevention of blindness, vocational training, and rehabilitation for the blind and may make the rules and regulations necessary for the efficient administration thereof.

Present law provides the term "any person who is blind" used in present law, shall extend to any person, who is totally blind in both eyes, or to any person whose sight with the use of both eyes is so impaired as to make the sense of sight of no practical benefit or help in the pursuit of business, or in the course of earning a living.

Present law provides money in the trust fund from vending machines located on federal property shall be distributed for the primary purpose of the establishment and maintenance of retirement or pension plans, for health insurance, and contributions for the provisions of paid sick leave and vacation time for blind vendors, if approved by majority vote of blind vendors licensed by the department after the department has provided to each vendor information on all matters relevant to such purposes. Further, income not expended for the primary purpose as set out in present law shall be used for the maintenance and replacement of equipment, the purchase of new equipment, management services, and securing a fair return to vendors, or as provided by state or federal guidelines.

Present law provides money in the trust fund from vending machines located on state-owned property or on property leased by the state or any state agency, or on other property shall be distributed for any purpose associated with the provisions of the Randolph-Sheppard Act as may be determined by LWC.

Proposed law makes technical corrections.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 23:3001, 3021, 3031, and 3045)