

House Bill 1311

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 15 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to general provisions relative to the Division of Rehabilitation Services, so as to  
3 eliminate financial need as a consideration in the provision of vocational rehabilitation  
4 services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 15 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 general provisions relative to the Division of Rehabilitation Services, is amended by revising  
9 Code Section 34-15-10, relating to residency requirement and financial need, as follows:

10 "34-15-10.

11 (a) Vocational rehabilitation services shall be provided to any qualified individual who is  
12 a bona fide resident of ~~the~~ this state.

13 (b) The financial need of eligible persons with disabilities ~~will~~ shall not be considered in  
14 the provision of vocational rehabilitation services ~~to the extent allowed by federal or other~~  
15 ~~state law pursuant to this chapter.~~"

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 34-15-14, relating to coverage by  
18 a hospitalization or medical insurance policy, as follows:

19 "34-15-14.

20 Where a person with disabilities who receives vocational rehabilitation services is covered  
21 by a hospitalization or medical insurance policy, the Division of Rehabilitation Services  
22 shall be subrogated to the rights of such person with disabilities to recover in an amount  
23 not to exceed the cost of vocational rehabilitation services rendered by the Division of  
24 Rehabilitation Services, ~~exclusive of those services for which eligibility is not predicated~~  
25 ~~on the need for financial assistance.~~ Where the person with disabilities receives vocational

26 rehabilitation services without disclosing that he or she is covered by a hospitalization or  
27 medical insurance policy, he or she shall be liable therefor to the Division of Rehabilitation  
28 Services in an amount not to exceed the cost of rehabilitation services rendered, ~~exclusive~~  
29 ~~of those services for which eligibility is not predicated on the need for financial assistance,~~  
30 or in an amount not to exceed the insurance reimbursement received, whichever is the  
31 lesser."

32 **SECTION 3.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.