

**159.33 Assistance services — authority to contract with depository.**

Whenever practical, the department may execute a contract with a person qualified to provide assistance services under [this subchapter](#), if the contract for the assistance services is cost-effective and the quality of the services ensures compliance with state and any applicable federal law. A person executing a contract with the department for the purpose of providing the assistance services shall be deemed to be a depository of the state and an agent of the department only for purposes expressly provided in [this subchapter](#). The department shall periodically review assistance services performed by a person under the contract to ensure that quality, cost-effective service is being provided.

[2003 Acts, ch 48, §3](#)

Referred to in [§159.32](#)