

CHAPTER 84H

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

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84H.1 Acceptance of federal Act.

The state of Iowa, through its legislative authority, accepts the provisions and benefits of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and codified in 29 U.S.C. §701 et seq.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3850; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §259.1]
[85 Acts, ch 23, §1](#); [89 Acts, ch 1, §1](#); [94 Acts, ch 1109, §4](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2247](#)

C2024, §84H.1

Referred to in [§84H.3](#), [84H.4](#)

84H.2 Custodian of funds.

1. The treasurer of state is custodian of moneys received by the state from appropriations made by the Congress of the United States for the vocational rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities, and may receive and provide for the proper custody of the moneys and make disbursement of the moneys upon the requisition of the director of the department of workforce development.

2. The treasurer of state is appointed custodian of moneys paid by the federal government to the state for the purpose of carrying out the agreement relative to making determinations of disability under Tit. II and Tit. XVI of the federal Social Security Act as amended, 42 U.S.C. ch. 7, and may receive the moneys and make disbursements of the moneys upon the requisition of the director of the department of workforce development.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3851; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §259.2]

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1434](#); [94 Acts, ch 1109, §5](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1061, §180](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2240, 2247](#)

C2024, §84H.2

Referred to in [§84H.3](#)

84H.3 Division of vocational rehabilitation services.

The division of vocational rehabilitation services is established in the department of workforce development. The director of the department of workforce development shall cooperate with the United States secretary of education in carrying out the federal law cited in [sections 84H.1](#) and [84H.2](#) providing for the vocational rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3852; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §259.3]

[86 Acts, ch 1237, §14](#); [86 Acts, ch 1245, §1435](#); [94 Acts, ch 1109, §6](#); [96 Acts, ch 1127, §3](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2241, 2247](#)

C2024, §84H.3

84H.4 Duties of division.

The division of vocational rehabilitation services shall:

1. Cooperate with the secretary of education in the administration of the federal law cited in [section 84H.1](#).

2. Administer legislation pursuant to the federal law cited in [section 84H.1](#), and direct the disbursement and administer the use of funds provided by the federal government and this state for the vocational rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

3. Utilize in the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities existing educational and other facilities as are advisable and practicable, including public and private educational institutions, community rehabilitation programs, public or private establishments, plants,

factories, and the services of individuals specially qualified for the instruction and vocational rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

4. Promote the establishment and assist in the development of training agencies for the vocational rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

5. Cooperate with an agency of the federal government or of the state, or of a county or other municipal authority within the state, or any other agency, public or private, in carrying out the purposes of [this chapter](#).

6. Do those things necessary to secure the rehabilitation of those individuals entitled to the benefits of [this chapter](#), including those individuals with significant disabilities.

7. Provide rehabilitation services to individuals with significant disabilities who are homebound, and other individuals with significant disabilities, who can wholly or substantially achieve an ability to live independently.

8. Provide financial and other necessary assistance to public or private agencies in the development or expansion of community rehabilitation programs, or programs in other public agencies, needed for the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

9. Administer the entrepreneurs with disabilities program.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3853; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §259.4]

[83 Acts, ch 101, §59](#); [86 Acts, ch 1237, §15](#); [86 Acts, ch 1245, §1436](#); [87 Acts, ch 115, §37](#); [94 Acts, ch 1109, §7](#); [96 Acts, ch 1127, §4 – 7](#); [99 Acts, ch 28, §1](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1007, §1](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2247](#)

C2024, §84H.4

84H.5 Report to governor.

The division of vocational rehabilitation services shall report biennially to the governor the condition of vocational rehabilitation within the state, designating the educational institutions, establishments, plants, factories, and other agencies in which training is being given, and include a detailed statement of expenditures of the state and federal funds in the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3854; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §259.5]

[86 Acts, ch 1237, §16](#); [86 Acts, ch 1245, §1437](#); [94 Acts, ch 1109, §8](#); [96 Acts, ch 1127, §8](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2242, 2247](#)

C2024, §84H.5

84H.6 Gifts and donations.

The division of vocational rehabilitation services may receive gifts and donations from either public or private sources offered unconditionally or under conditions related to the vocational rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities that are consistent with [this chapter](#).

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3855; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §259.6]

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1438](#); [94 Acts, ch 1109, §9](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2243, 2247](#)

C2024, §84H.6

84H.7 Fund.

All the moneys received as gifts or donations shall be deposited in the state treasury and shall constitute a permanent fund to be called the special fund for the vocational rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities, to be used by the director of the department of workforce development in carrying out the provisions of [this chapter](#) or for related purposes.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3856; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §259.7]

[94 Acts, ch 1109, §10](#); [96 Acts, ch 1127, §9](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2244, 2247](#)

C2024, §84H.7

84H.8 Report of gifts.

A report of all gifts and donations offered and accepted, together with the name of each donor and the amount contributed by each donor, and all disbursements from the special fund

for the vocational rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities shall be submitted biennially to the governor by the department of workforce development.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3857; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §259.8]
[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1439](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2245, 2247](#)
C2024, §84H.8

84H.9 Agreement continued.

The agreement between the director of the department of education and the commissioner of the United States social security administration relating to making determinations of disability under Tit. II and Tit. XVI of the federal Social Security Act as amended, 42 U.S.C. ch. 7, completed prior to July 1, 1986, remains in effect.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1440](#)

C87, §259.9

[96 Acts, ch 1127, §10](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1061, §180](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2247](#)

C2024, §84H.9

The agreement under this section between the director of the department of education and the commissioner of the United States social security administration shall remain in full force and effect until amended, repealed, or supplemented by the United States social security administration or by the department of workforce development; [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2248](#)

84H.10 Rules.

The department of workforce development shall adopt rules under [chapter 17A](#) for the administration of [this chapter](#).

[2023 Acts, ch 19, §2246, 2247](#)