

By Senator Sebesta

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to vocational rehabilitation;  
3           amending s. 229.0073, F.S.; reorganizing the  
4           Department of Education and establishing a  
5           Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services  
6           and a Division of Blind Services in the  
7           department; providing duties for both  
8           divisions; repealing part III of ch. 413, F.S.,  
9           which provides for the Occupational Access and  
10          Opportunity Commission; providing an effective  
11          date.

13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

15           Section 1. Paragraphs (e) and (f) are added to  
16 subsection (4) of section 229.0073, Florida Statutes, to read:

17           229.0073 Reorganization of the Department of  
18 Education.--Effective July 1, 2001, notwithstanding the  
19 provisions of s. 20.15, the secretary's Education  
20 Reorganization Workgroup is established to direct and provide  
21 oversight for the reorganization of Florida's K-20 Department  
22 of Education. The workgroup shall be comprised of the  
23 Secretary of the Florida Board of Education, the Commissioner  
24 of Education, the Governor or his designee, the Chancellor of  
25 Colleges and Universities, the Chancellor of Community  
26 Colleges, the Chancellor of Public Schools, and the Executive  
27 Director of Independent Education, who shall consult with the  
28 legislative members of the Education Governance Reorganization  
29 Transition Task Force. The reorganization shall:

30           (4) Establish the following divisions within the  
31 department:

1           (d) Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
2 Services.--The designated state unit for providing services  
3 for the state's vocational rehabilitation program.

4           (e) Division of Blind Services.--The designated state  
5 unit for providing services to blind persons.

6           Section 2. Part III of chapter 413, Florida Statutes,  
7 consisting of sections 413.81, 413.82, 413.83, 413.84, 413.85,  
8 413.86, 413.87, 413.88, 413.89, 413.90, 413.91, 413.92, and  
9 413.93, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

10           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Repeals provisions relating to the Occupational Access  
and Opportunity Commission in the Department of Education  
and establishes a Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Services and a Division of Blind Services in the  
Department.