

LEGISLATIVE BILL 124

Approved by the Governor May 17, 1979

Introduced by Education Committee, Koch, 12, Chmn.;
George, 16; Kremer, 34; Lamb, 43; Landis, 46;
Vickers, 38; Beutler, 29

AN ACT to amend section 83-210.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to the Department of Public Institutions; to allow contracting for additional services for blind and physically handicapped persons as prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 83-210.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

83-210.02. (1) The Department of Public Institutions is hereby authorized to accept the provisions of Public Law 112, Ninety-third Congress of the United States and all amendments thereto, and to cooperate with the United States government in any way necessary to enable the department to receive federal funds for the vocational rehabilitation of the blind as provided in the above-mentioned Act of Congress and the provisions of titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act, and any amendments thereto.

(2) The Department of Public Institutions (a) may collect, interpret, and disseminate information relating to the cause, prevention, and cure of blindness, and (b) shall provide vocational rehabilitation services for the blind including, but not limited to, medical and surgical care and hospitalization, prosthetic appliances, vocational training, maintenance during training, transportation, and occupational tools and equipment.

(3) The Department of Public Institutions may contract for radio programs which provide reading services for the blind and physically handicapped through December 31, 1981.

Sec. 2. That original section 83-210.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.