



Unified Regulatory Plan FY 2024

Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

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Description of the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

The Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) is the state agency charged with general supervision of vocational rehabilitation and independent living services provided to individuals who are blind, vision impaired, or deafblind. The agency is either mandated or otherwise authorized to provide specialized programs including special education to children and youth; rehabilitation teaching and independent living; special library services to individuals who are blind or have print disabilities; and manufacturing, retail, and contract services for creating employment opportunities for people who are blind. DBVI administers the Randolph-Sheppard Act Vending Facility Program in the Commonwealth and the Vocational Rehabilitation Program including workforce services that prepare individuals who are blind, vision impaired, or deafblind for competitive employment and provide business with a pipeline of qualified

workers. The agency also operates a residential rehabilitation center, the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired. Code of Virginia, Title 22.1-217, Chapter 13, Article 2 and Title 51.5, Chapter 12.

Individual Regulatory Activities

Table for Individual Regulatory Activities

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Regulations Governing Provision of Services in Vocational Rehabilitation	
Brief Overview DBVI seeks to amend 22 VAC 45-51 (Regulations Governing Provision of Services in Vocational Rehabilitation) to bring the state regulations into compliance with federal regulations found at 34 CFR 361 (State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program). Proposed regulations are currently under preliminary review at the Office of the Attorney General. Formal regulatory has not yet been initiated by the agency.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None identified at this time.
Expected Date	May 2024

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend 22 VAC 45-20 (Regulations to Govern the Operation of Vending Facilities in Public Buildings and Other property)	
Brief Overview DBVI seeks to amend 22VAC45-20 (Regulations to Govern the Operation of Vending Facilities in Public Buildings and Other Property) to include text from 22VAC45-40 (Rules and Regulations Governing Vending Facilities in Public Buildings). The agency will propose amending 22VAC45-20 while simultaneously repealing 22VAC45-40. This action consolidates two regulations pertaining to operation of vending stands, updates the name of the agency from the Department for the Visually Handicapped to the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired, updates language used to describe individuals who are potentially eligible to participate in the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Stand Program, removes outdated regulatory citations, and updates governing authorities. Proposed amendments to 22 VAC 45-20 are currently under preliminary review at the Office of the Attorney General. Formal regulatory action has not yet been initiated by the agency.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
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Deregulatory Component	Though this regulatory action does not decrease DBVI's regulatory requirements or compliance burdens, it does reduce the number of DBVI's Administrative Code regulations.
Expected Date	May 2024