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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Department of Rehabilitative Services
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Regulation title	Provision of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Action title	Deleting priority for public safety workers and consultation with the Board from Order of Selection
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Deletes the requirement that the commissioner must consult with the board prior to implementing an order of selection. Legislation enacted during the 2003 General Assembly abolished the Board of Rehabilitative Services effective July 1, 2003 (Chapters 57 and 73 of the 2003 Acts of Assembly) and placed the authority of the board with the State Rehabilitation Council.

Deletes sentence that states in each priority, preference shall be given to providing services to disabled public safety officers disabled in the line of duty. The requirement that public safety officers receive preference is no longer contained in the federal Rehabilitation Act regulations and 34 CFR §361.36(d)(2) specifically prohibits this factor.

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Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

This amendment will have no impact on the order with which public safety officers are served in an order of selection. If public safety officers are in an open category, they will receive services.