

**RECOMMENDATION:** Transfer appropriate rehabilitation service functions in the Department of Social Services (DSS) to the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC).

Summary Description/Nature of Change	Key/Implementation Responsibilities	Need	Action Needed	Benefit/Saving	Done/ Study
Develop implementation plan and propose legislation to transfer appropriate rehabilitation service functions in DSS/LRS to DHH and LWC.	DSS/LRS, DHH, and LWC	Rehabilitation Services assists persons with disabilities to obtain or maintain employment and/or achieve their desire to obtain or maintain employment and/or achieve independence in their communities.	Programs such as Vocational Rehabilitation, the Randolph-Shepard Program and Supportive Employment promote jobs and workforce development which is a primary service of the LWC. Similarly, within DHH are the Offices of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and Aging and Adult Services, which more closely align with Personal Care Attendant, Independent Living & Community and Family Support programs. Coordination of these activities will result in efficiencies and improved outcomes.	The program designed to promote workforce development will be transferred to LWC and those that provide additional supportive services to individuals with disabilities are transferred to DHH. This will provide greater alignment with core competencies.  \$175k SGF \$3.5 million total savings	Many of these program have related boards and commissions requiring DSS participation and would have to be changed to reflect the appropriate agency. Transfer of staff and layoffs will ensue, resulting in potential disruption of services.