

(6) ALTHOUGH THE FOCUS OF THE INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM IS UPON THE ADULT WITH A DISABILITY, THEIR PROVISION MAY BEGIN WITH YOUNG ADULTS IN ADOLESCENCE.

(B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS STATE TO PROMOTE THE INDEPENDENCE, PRODUCTIVITY, AND INTEGRATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES BY PROVIDING AN ARRAY OF INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT SERVICES.

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(A) (1) THERE IS AN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM.

(2) (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH ~~PRIVATE-NONPROFIT-COMMUNITY-BASED-ORGANIZATIONS~~ FOR THE PROVISION OF INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT SERVICES IN ALL COUNTIES OR REGIONS OF THE STATE.

(3) ~~FUNDING-ALLOCATED-TO-EACH-PROVIDER-SHALL-INCLUDE PURCHASE-OF-SERVICE-COSTS-AND-OPERATIONAL-COSTS-SO-THAT SUFFICIENT-STAFF-MAY-BE-EMPLOYED-TO-COORDINATE-THE-INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT-SERVICES.~~

(4) ~~THE-PROGRAM-SHALL-BE-GRANT-FUNDED-AND-EXEMPT-FROM THE-STATE-PROCUREMENT-PROCESS-AS-DEFINED-IN-DIVISION-II-OF-THE STATE-FINANCE-AND-PROCUREMENT-ARTICLE.~~

(5) ~~THE-PROGRAM-SHALL-BE-MADE-AVAILABLE-TO-ALL ELIGIBLE-PERSONS-SELECTED-FOR-SERVICE-BY-THE-ADMINISTRATION-PRIOR TO-OFFERING-FULL-DAY-OR-RESIDENTIAL-SERVICES-EXCEPT-IN-EMERGENCY SITUATIONS-IN-WHICH-FULL-SERVICES-ARE-REQUIRED-IMMEDIATELY.~~

(3) (C) ELIGIBLE PERSONS SELECTED FOR SERVICES BY THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE INFORMED OF INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT SERVICES AND ENCOURAGED TO USE THEM, AS APPROPRIATE, PRIOR TO BEING OFFERED FULL DAY OR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

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