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Part 4
Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

35A-13-401 General provisions.

- (1) This part is known as "Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired."
- (2) For the purposes of this part:
 - (a) "Assistant director" means the assistant director of the division.
 - (b) "Division" means the program called the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired created in Section 35A-13-402.

Enacted by Chapter 271, 2016 General Session

35A-13-402 The Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

- (1) There is created as a program within the office the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- (2) The director, with the approval of the executive director and after consultation with members of the community to be served by the division, shall appoint an assistant director to administer the services provided by the division.
- (3) The assistant director shall administer the division in accordance with:
 - (a) the direction of the director and the executive director; and
 - (b) applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

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35A-13-403 Services provided by the division.

The division may:

- (1) provide:
 - (a) a business enterprise program;
 - (b) workshops, employment, and training; and
 - (c) vocational rehabilitation, training and adjustment, sight conservation, prevention of blindness, low vision lenses, and recreational services;
- (2) assist public education officials in the discharge of their duties towards children who are blind or have visual impairments, and perform services related to vision screening under Section 53A-11-203;
- (3) maintain a register of individuals who are blind or have visual impairments, including such facts as the office considers necessary for proper planning, administration, and operations, but protecting against unwarranted invasions of privacy;
- (4) establish and operate community service centers, rehabilitation facilities, and workshops; and
- (5) perform other duties assigned by the director or the executive director.

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35A-13-404 Appointment of advisory council.

- (1) The executive director shall appoint an advisory council to advise and assist the division, the office, and the department in matters relating to the needs of and provision of services to individuals who are blind or have visual impairments.

- (2) At least one-half of the members of the council shall be individuals who are blind or have visual impairments.
- (3) A member of the council may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
 - (a) Section 63A-3-106;
 - (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
 - (c) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

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