



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** The Georgia General Assembly, during the 2012 Session, passed legislation (House Bill 1146) to create the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services Board (GVRSB) and Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA); and

**WHEREAS:** The GVRA will be a stand-alone executive branch agency attached for administration purposes in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-4-3 to the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS); and

**WHEREAS:** The GVRSB and GVRA will assume, as of July 1, 2012, all powers, functions, duties, programs, institutions, and authority relating to the former Division of Rehabilitation Services within the Georgia Department of Labor (DOL); and

**WHEREAS:** The GVRSB shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by the Governor. The GVRSB shall recommend to the Governor and General Assembly changes in state programs, statutes, policies, budgets, and standards relating to vocational rehabilitation services, the improvement of coordination among state and local agencies that provide vocational rehabilitation services, and the improvement of the condition of citizens who are in need of vocational rehabilitation services; and

**WHEREAS:** The GVRA shall have an Executive Director nominated by the Governor and approved by the GVRSB. The Executive Director shall, with the approval of the GVRSB, prepare such regulations for promulgation by the GVRSB as he or she deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the legislation; shall prepare such policies and procedures as he or she finds necessary and establish appropriate subordinate administrative units within the GVRA; shall prepare and submit to the GVRSB annual reports of activities and expenditures, and estimates of sums required for carrying out the purposes of the GVRA and estimates of the amounts to be made available for this

purpose from all sources; shall make certification for disbursement, in accordance with regulations, of funds available for carrying out the purposes of the GVRA; and shall be designated as the administrator of a program under Section 221 of the federal Social Security Act, relating to disability adjudication services; and

**WHEREAS:** In order to provide for a seamless transition from the DOL to the new GVRA, it is necessary to conduct certain transition activities; and

**WHEREAS:** The DHS is coordinating the transition activities and tasks necessary to effect a seamless transition with no disruption in services to the citizens who receive vocational rehabilitation services or the entities that support all the programs of the GVRA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER INVESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That the Commissioner of DHS be granted the transitional authority, until July 1, 2012, or until the GVRSB and GVRA Executive Director are appointed and in place, to execute any Memorandums of Understanding necessary to effectuate the transition to the new agency, to exercise full authority with regard to the transfer of administrative personnel of the GRVA to 2 Peachtree Street pursuant to the creation of the new agency, to determine tasks necessary and information required to effectuate a seamless transition to the new agency and to implement the same, and to enter into any discussions and agreements necessary with the Commissioner of the DOL to prepare the new agency for the GVRSB and GVRA Executive Director.

This 16 day of May, 2012.



GOVERNOR