

DHS - DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND (765)
FISCAL YEAR 2019
As Enacted by Act 237 of 2018

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Division of Services for the Blind was established to provide services to blind and severely visually impaired persons through a network of counselors and private service providers throughout the State. The Division is regulated by a seven member Board. Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Division is functionally organized into three major sections: Support Services, Field Services, and Business and Technology Services.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total recommendation is \$12,201,510 in FY2019, with an increase of \$2,838.

FUNDING SOURCES

The Division's budget is funded with federal funds (85%) and General Revenue (15%).

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

Operations

The recommendation for the division's single appropriation is for \$12,201,510 in FY2019, with increases of \$2,838 in the personnel related line items for pay plan changes and career service payments.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions for FY2019: 78

Total Positions for FY2018: 78

Increase/(Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2019: 30 (Total Authorized FY2018 Extra Help: 30)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- **COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT:** Authorizes a general waiver for the Division of State Services for the Blind to provide college level coursework for any eligible employees selected by the Division. The waiver covers all formula and discretionary grants funded by the U.S. Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration. No state general revenue is allowed to be spent on the tuition waiver.