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### Appropriation Adjustments to Across-the-Board Budget Reductions (DWD)

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#### CURRENT LAW

Under current law, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) in the Department of Workforce Development is required to advise and assist any disabled individual who applies to DVR for vocational rehabilitation services. Disabled individuals apply for services and staff counselors arrange evaluations to determine eligibility and subsequent services for those deemed eligible.

#### GOVERNOR

Delete \$2,100 PR annually from the appropriation for enterprises and services for blind and visually impaired persons [s. 20.445(5)(h)], and \$2,900 PR annually from the appropriation for interagency and intra-agency aids [s. 20.445(5)(ky)].

#### MODIFICATION

Provide \$2,100 PR annually in the appropriation for enterprises and services for blind and visually impaired persons [s. 20.445(5)(h)], and \$2,900 PR annually in the appropriation for interagency and intra-agency aids [s. 20.445(5)(ky)].

**Explanation:** The appropriation for enterprises and services for the blind and visually impaired is restricted by federal and state law for services for the visually impaired. No funds from this appropriation are retained by the agency. All funds received are redirected to services to the blind and visually impaired under federal law provisions. The appropriation for interagency and intra-agency aids was created for third party matches of federal vocational rehabilitation case service aids. DVR currently has no third party matching, therefore the cash balance in the appropriation is \$0. The modification would establish the balance in each appropriation at \$0 for the 2009-11 biennium.

	Change to Bill Funding
PR	\$10,000

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