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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

1. Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 21-I:54, authorize the Department of Education, Division of Workforce Innovation, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, to **retroactively** continue one 21-1090 Misc Soc Svc Specs 2 position #8T3183, SOC 21, Pay Band 2, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, **retroactively** from August 24, 2024, through August 24, 2025. (This position expired on August 24, 2024.) 100% Federal Funds.

   Funding is available in account VR – Field Programs Federal in FY2025 and is anticipated to be available in FY2026 upon approval of the biennial budget:

		FY2025	FY2026
06-56-56-562010-25380000-050-500109 Salary		$31,243.88	$6,248.78
06-56-56-562010-25380000-060-500601 Benefits		$26,890.05	$5,378.01
	Total	$58,133.93	$11,626.79

2. Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 21-I:54, authorize the Department of Education, Division of Workforce Innovation, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, to **retroactively** continue one 21-1090 Misc Soc Svc Specs 4 position #8T3184, SOC 21, Pay Band 4, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, **retroactively** from August 24, 2024, through August 24, 2025. (This position expired on August 24, 2024.) 100% Federal Funds.

   Funding is available in account VR – Field Programs Federal in FY2025 and is anticipated to be available in FY2026 upon approval of the biennial budget:

		FY2025	FY2026
06-56-56-562010-25380000-050-500109 Salary		$39,547.95	$7,909.59
06-56-56-562010-25380000-060-500601 Benefits		$28,707.67	$5,741.53
	Total	$68,255.62	$13,651.12

3. Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 21-I:54, authorize the Department of Education, Division of Workforce Innovation, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, to **retroactively** continue one 21-1090 Misc Soc Svc Specs 2 position #8T3191, SOC 21, Pay Band 2, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, **retroactively** from October 9, 2024, through October 9, 2025. (This position expired on October 9, 2024.) 100% Federal Funds.

   Funding is available in account VR – Field Programs Federal in FY2025 and is anticipated to be available in FY2026 upon approval of the biennial budget:

		FY2025	FY2026
06-56-56-562010-25380000-050-500109 Salary		$29,251.56	$14,625.78
06-56-56-562010-25380000-060-500601 Benefits		$22,465.07	$11,232.53
	Total	$51,716.63	$25,858.31

EXPLANATION

1. This request is **retroactive** due to administrative oversight. Position 8T3183 is vital for vocational rehabilitation as we continue to see an increase in referrals and strive to maintain improved timeliness in eligibility determinations and Individual Plans for Employment development. This role helps sustain these gains by ensuring effective management of client services and facilitating coordination between clients, agencies, and employers to maximize employment potential and personal independence.

2. This request is **retroactive** due to administrative oversight. Position 8T3184 is essential for vocational rehabilitation as it enables NHVR counselors to effectively develop job pathways and connect participants with employment opportunities, particularly for individuals with disabilities. By leveraging community relationships and providing comprehensive services, this role enhances career-seeking and retention skills, ensuring that we meet the growing demand for support in the job market.

3. This request is **retroactive** due to administrative oversight. Position 8T3191 is crucial for vocational rehabilitation, particularly in supporting our program for the blind and visually impaired, as we continue to experience an increase in referrals. This role ensures effective management of client services and facilitates coordination between clients, agencies, and employers, ultimately maximizing employment potential and personal independence for individuals with visual impairments.

Respectfully Submitted,

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