Unified Regulatory Plan

of the

Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

for State Fiscal Year 2026

June 25, 2025

Agency Summary

The Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired is vested with general supervision of vocational rehabilitation and independent living services provided to individuals who are blind, vision impaired, or deafblind. It is either mandated or authorized to provide specialized programs which include special education services; rehabilitation teaching and independent living services; vocational rehabilitation services; special library services for persons who are blind or otherwise have print disabilities; manufacturing, retail, and contract services for the purpose of creating employment opportunities for people who are blind; training, licensing, and providing management support for persons who are blind to operate businesses on public property. The department also is authorized to operate a residential rehabilitation center, the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired. The Board for the Blind and Vision Impaired helps give advice to the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Commissioner, and the General Assembly. Code of Virginia, Title 22.1, Chapter 13, Article 2; Title 51.5, Chapter 12.

Table for Individual Regulatory Activities

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Formal regulatory has not yet been initiated by the agency.
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Regulations Governing Provision of Services in Vocational Rehabilitation
Brief Overview DBVI seeks to amend 22VAC45-51 (Regulations Governing the Provision of Services in Vocational Rehabilitation) to align state

regulations with federal requirements under 34 CFR 361 (State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program). These proposed amendments to 22 VAC 45-20 have been reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☒ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☒ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	None identified at this time.
Expected Date	Expect to initiate action in August/September 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Formal regulatory has not yet been initiated by the agency.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend 22 VAC 45-20 (Regulations to Govern the Operation of Vending Facilities in Public Buildings and Other property) and repeal 22VAC45-40 Rules and Regulations Governing Vending Facilities in Public Buildings.		
Brief Overview DBVI seeks to amend 22VAC45-20 (Regulations to Govern the Operation of Vending Facilities in Public Buildings and Other Property) to incorporate 22VAC45-40 (Rules and Regulations Governing Vending Facilities in Public Buildings), and to repeal 22VAC45-40, thereby consolidating two regulations related to the operation of vending stands. The amendments also update the agency's name from the Department for the Visually Handicapped to the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired, modernize language describing individuals eligible for the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Stand Program, remove outdated citations, and revise governing authorities. These proposed amendments to 22 VAC 45-20 have been reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☒ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action

Deregulatory Component	Though this regulatory action does not decrease DBVI’s regulatory requirements or compliance burdens, it does reduce the number of DBVI’s Administrative Code regulations.
Expected Date	Expect to initiate action in August/September 2025