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CHAP. 303.—An Act To provide for the vocational rehabilitation of disabled residents of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Vocational rehabilitation, D. C.
Provisions for disabled residents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after July 1, 1929, the Federal Board for Vocational Education is authorized and directed to provide for the vocational rehabilitation and return to employment of any disabled resident of the District of Columbia.

Meaning of terms.
"Disabled resident of the District of Columbia."

SEC. 2. For the purposes of this Act (1) the term "disabled resident of the District of Columbia" means any bona fide resident in the District of Columbia who, by reason of a physical defect or infirmity, whether congenital or acquired by accident, injury, or disease, is or may be expected to become totally or partially incapacitated for remunerative occupation; and (2) the term "vocational rehabilitation" means the rendering of any such disabled resident fit to engage in a remunerative occupation.

"Vocational rehabilitation."

Public Health Service to cooperate with Federal Board.

SEC. 3. (a) The United States Public Health Service is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Federal Board for Vocational Education in carrying out the provisions of this Act, and the board may, in carrying out such provisions, obtain the cooperation of (1) any other establishment in the executive branch of the Government; (2) any department or agency of the government of the District of Columbia; (3) any State, Territory, or political subdivision thereof; or (4) any private agency or person.

Other agencies.

Plan for rehabilitation of civil employees to be prepared by Federal Board and Employees' Compensation Commission.

(b) The Federal Board for Vocational Education and the United States Employees' Compensation Commission are authorized and directed to formulate a plan of cooperation for the vocational rehabilitation of civil employees of the United States disabled while in the performance of duty and who reside in the District of Columbia, and such board may, in carrying out the provisions of this Act, in so far as it applies to such civil employees, carry out such plan.

Rules, etc., to be prescribed.

SEC. 4. The board is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Expenses by Board authorized.

SEC. 5. The Federal Board for Vocational Education is authorized to make such expenditures (including expenditures for personal services at the seat of Government and elsewhere, for printing and binding, for traveling and subsistence expenses, for the payment of tuition to schools, for the compensation of tutors, for the purchase of prosthetic appliances and instructional supplies and equipment, and for the payment of necessary expenses of persons undergoing vocational rehabilitation) as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Details.

Sum authorized annually.
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SEC. 6. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act there is authorized to be appropriated to the Federal Board for Vocational Education a sum not to exceed \$15,000 for each fiscal year: *Provided*, That no such appropriations of Federal funds shall be available for expenditure except when matched by equal appropriations of District of Columbia funds which are hereby authorized.

Proviso.
Equal amount from District funds.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 7. The board shall submit to Congress on or before the first day of each regular session a report of all rehabilitation service provided and of all expenditures made under this Act during the preceding fiscal year.

Approved, February 23, 1929.