

Opinion No. 273.

Vocational Rehabilitation—Appropriations—Maintenance—Tuition.

HELD: The word "maintenance," as used in the 1935 appropriation for the Bureau of Civilian Rehabilitation, includes tuition, fees and supplies, as well as living expenses of persons taking the vocational rehabilitation courses contemplated by the statutes.

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The Twenty-fourth Legislative Assembly (H. B. No. 532, Laws of 1935), appropriated \$18,000 for the Bureau of Civilian Rehabilitation, as follows:

For Salaries not fixed by law	\$5,300.00
For Expenses	3,700.00
For payment of Maintenance of Vocational Trainees.....	9,000.00

You desire to know whether school expenses such as tuition and supplies may be paid out of the funds provided for "maintenance of vocational trainees."

In view of the fact that Sections 3044-3051, R. C. M. 1921, as amended by Chapter 20, Laws of 1929, and Chapter 1, Laws of 1927, contemplate and provide for "vocational rehabilitation", which requires attendance in various schools, the word "maintenance" as used in the 1935 appropriation must necessarily include tuition, supplies and all other school expenses, as well as actual living expenses. In fact, unless it did, the whole purpose of vocational rehabilitation, which was intended for those persons of physical defects or infirmity, who are financially unable to attain that objective (Section 1, Chapter 1, Laws of 1927), would fail. The term "maintenance" is one of broad significance and in the circumstances and connection used, it includes tuition, fees and supplies, as well as living expenses of persons taking the vocational rehabilitation courses contemplated by the statutes.