§ 13.24 Sheltered workshops, work activity and day training services.

1. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

a. "Sheltered workshops" means a program operated for the purpose of providing sheltered employment to persons with developmental disabilities.

b. "Work activity and day training services" means pre-vocational activities defined by regulation of the commissioner designed to enhance the ability of a person with a developmental disability to receive vocational rehabilitation services.

2. The commissioner shall develop methods to fund by agreement the reasonably related cost of services, subject to the approval of the director of the budget, provided in sheltered workshops, work activity and day training services. The commissioner shall determine those facilities and agencies providing such services and shall describe characteristics of clients receiving such services. The commissioner shall determine methods of improving the current financing system for such services.

3. The methods of improving the current financing system shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. Provision of equitable funding to all individuals with developmental disabilities which is not dependent upon prior residence in facilities of the office.

b. Establishment of systems of provider accountability for units of service rendered in return for payments made and development of an advanced payment mechanism.

c. Recommendation of rules, regulations and standards for the payment for provision of services.

4. The commissioner shall report to the legislature on the progress of determining methods of improving the current financing system on or before April first, nineteen hundred eighty-two.