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TO: Senator Lavon Heidemann, Chairperson
Appropriations Committee

RE: LB1 Report – Implementation of Budget Actions

FROM: Dr. Pearl Van Zandt, Executive Director
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This report provides information on actions and plans to implement budget actions, pursuant to LB1.

Agency 081 – Program 357

The following points are the same for State Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011.

As things are now, with the budget actions enacted by the One Hundred First Legislature, First Special Session, 2009:

1. We do not expect to make any changes to our staffing pattern.
2. We will not make any changes to the levels of service NCBVI provided by the Commission (Agency 081).
3. We do have a Maintenance of Effort clause in our Vocational Rehabilitation Grant, as well as matching requirements for all but one of our federal grants. Given the level of cuts, we will still be alright, but we are coming close to Maintenance of Effort and matching issues.
4. We will not increase fees beyond increases in costs (for the most part, we do not charge fees except when minor individualized items which go beyond the norm and the client covers the additional cost).

If further cuts occur during the Biennium, these responses will almost certainly be changed to more negative impacts.

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