



Purchasing from Certain Disabled Persons Summary

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Municipalities must purchase services and commodities from qualified non-profit work centers for the blind or severely disabled if the commodities are available and that are certified pursuant to procedures approved by the state procurement commission. This is not mandatory if the service or commodity is available from any state agency or if the procurement commission determines that the service or item does not meet reasonable requirements.

The T.C.A. citation for this topic is T.C.A. § 71-4-701.

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