

## **IC 12-12-2**

### **Chapter 2. Commission on Rehabilitation Services**

#### **IC 12-12-2-1**

##### **"Commission" defined**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the commission on rehabilitation services established by section 2 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.6.*

#### **IC 12-12-2-2**

##### **Establishment**

Sec. 2. The commission on rehabilitation services is established.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.6.*

#### **IC 12-12-2-3**

##### **Membership**

Sec. 3. (a) The commission consists of at least fourteen (14) members appointed by the governor as follows:

(1) Three (3) members representing advocacy groups for:

(A) individuals with:

- (i) physical;
- (ii) cognitive;
- (iii) sensory; and
- (iv) mental;

disabilities; or

(B) parents, guardians, or advocates of individuals with disabilities who have difficulty or who are unable to represent themselves.

(2) At least one (1) member representing current or former applicants for vocational rehabilitation services or recipients of vocational rehabilitation services.

(3) At least one (1) representative of the statewide Independent Living Council.

(4) At least one (1) representative of a parent training and information center established by the individuals with disabilities education act.

(5) At least one (1) representative of the Indiana protection and advocacy services agency.

(6) At least one (1) representative of community rehabilitation program service providers.

(7) Four (4) representatives of business, industry, and labor.

(8) The director of the division of disability and rehabilitative services shall serve as an ex officio member.

(9) A vocational rehabilitation counselor shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member.

(b) Not more than seven (7) members of the commission may be from the same political party.

(c) At least fifty-one percent (51%) of the commission must be persons with disabilities who are not employees of the division of

disability and rehabilitative services.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.4-1993, SEC.42; P.L.5-1993, SEC.55; P.L.141-2006, SEC.46.*

#### **IC 12-12-2-4**

##### **Members; terms of office**

Sec. 4. (a) A member of the commission serves a term of three (3) years.

(b) A member may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.  
*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.4-1993, SEC.43; P.L.5-1993, SEC.56.*

#### **IC 12-12-2-5**

##### **Members; vacancies**

Sec. 5. The governor shall fill a vacancy on the commission by appointing an individual for the unexpired term.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.6.*

#### **IC 12-12-2-6**

##### **Election of officers**

Sec. 6. The commission shall elect the necessary officers from the commission's membership.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.6.*

#### **IC 12-12-2-7**

##### **Powers and duties**

Sec. 7. The commission shall do the following:

(1) Advise the division concerning the division's performance in the following areas:

(A) Eligibility and order of selection.

(B) Scope, extent, and effectiveness of services.

(C) Functions of state agencies in addition to vocational rehabilitation affecting individuals in achieving rehabilitation goals.

(2) Advise the secretary of family and social services and the division of disability and rehabilitative services concerning the state plan, applications, and the strategic plan.

(3) Review and analyze the effectiveness and consumer satisfaction with the functions of the agencies dealing with persons with disabilities and with vocational rehabilitation services.

(4) Prepare and submit an annual report to the governor and the rehabilitation services administration commissioner on the status of vocational rehabilitation programs in Indiana.

(5) Coordinate with other councils in Indiana.

(6) Advise and provide for coordination and working relationships between the state agency and the Independent Living Council and Independent Living centers.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.4-1993, SEC.44; P.L.5-1993, SEC.57; P.L.141-2006, SEC.47.*

### **IC 12-12-2-8**

#### **Meetings**

Sec. 8. (a) The commission shall meet at least four (4) times a year upon the call of the commission's presiding officer.

(b) The meetings of the commission must comply with IC 5-14-1.5.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.4-1993, SEC.45; P.L.5-1993, SEC.58.*

### **IC 12-12-2-9**

#### **Members; per diem; travel expenses**

Sec. 9. A member of the commission is entitled to the following:

(1) The minimum salary per diem as provided in IC 4-10-11-2.1(b) for each day spent on the official business of the commission.

(2) Reimbursement for travel and other expenses as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.6.*

### **IC 12-12-2-10**

#### **Advisory committees; per diem and expenses of committee members**

Sec. 10. (a) The commission may appoint advisory committees necessary to advise the director and the bureau.

(b) A member of an advisory committee appointed under this section is entitled to the following:

(1) The minimum salary per diem as provided in IC 4-10-11-2.1(b) for each day spent on the official business of the advisory committee.

(2) Reimbursement for traveling and other expenses as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.6.*

### **IC 12-12-2-11**

#### **Staff and personnel**

Sec. 11. The commission, in conjunction with the division of disability and rehabilitative services, may employ staff and other personnel as necessary.

*As added by P.L.4-1993, SEC.46 and P.L.5-1993, SEC.59. Amended by P.L.141-2006, SEC.48.*