151B.240 Statewide Independent Living Council.

(1) The Statewide Independent Living Council is hereby created and attached to the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for administrative purposes to accomplish the purposes enumerated in 29 U.S.C. sec. 796d (Title VII, Part A, Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998). Members of the council shall be appointed by the Governor from recommendations submitted by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation consistent with the federal mandate to include a majority of individuals with disabilities representing geographical and disability diversity, as well as representatives from identified service providers and other entities. The composition, qualifications, and terms of service of the council shall conform to the federal law.

(2) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Statewide Independent Living Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The vacancy shall not affect the power of the remaining members of the council.

(b) The Governor may delegate the authority to fill a vacancy to the remaining voting members of the council.

(3) Each member of the Statewide Independent Living Council may receive a per diem of one hundred dollars ($100), not to exceed six hundred dollars ($600) annually, for each regular or special meeting attended if the member is not employed or must forfeit wages from other employment. Each member may have travel expenses approved at the established state rate and expenses reimbursed at the established state agency rate for services such as personal assistance, child care, and drivers for attendance at council meetings, and in the performance of duties authorized by the Statewide Independent Living Council. The per diem and expenses shall be paid out of the federal funds appropriated under Title VII, Chapter 1, Part A, and Title VII, Chapter 1, Part C of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998, Pub. L. 105-220.

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