

“(1)(A) There is established within the Federal Government a National Council on Disability (hereinafter in this subchapter referred to as the ‘National Council’), which shall be composed of fifteen members appointed by the President.

“(B) The President shall select members of the National Council after soliciting recommendations from representatives of—

“(i) organizations representing a broad range of individuals with disabilities; and

“(ii) organizations interested in individuals with disabilities.”

Former subpar. (C) redesignated (D).

Subsec. (a)(1)(D). Pub. L. 113–128, §451(1)(C), inserted “national leaders on disability policy,” after “guardians of individuals with disabilities,” and substituted “policy or issues that affect individuals with disabilities” for “policy or programs”.

Pub. L. 113–128, §451(1)(A), redesignated subpar. (C) as (D).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113–128, §451(2), which directed substitution of a period for “‘, except’ and all that follows”, was executed by substituting a period for “‘, except that the terms of service of the members initially appointed after November 6, 1978, shall be (as specified by the President) for such fewer number of years as will provide for the expiration of terms on a staggered basis.” in par. (1), to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 113–128, §451(3), substituted “Five” for “Eight”.

2012—Subsec. (a)(1)(A). Pub. L. 112–166 struck out “‘, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate” before period at end.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114–18, §3(b), May 22, 2015, 129 Stat. 214, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect as if enacted 1 day after the date of enactment of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act [Pub. L. 113–128, approved July 22, 2014] (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.).”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112–166 effective 60 days after Aug. 10, 2012, and applicable to appointments made on and after that effective date, including any nomination pending in the Senate on that date, see section 6(a) of Pub. L. 112–166, set out as a note under section 113 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

### § 780a. Independent status of National Council on the Handicapped

#### (1) Council as independent agency within Federal Government

Effective on February 22, 1984, the National Council on the Handicapped shall be an independent agency within the Federal Government and shall not be an agency within the Department of Education or any other department or agency of the United States.

#### (2) Transfer of functions to Council Chairman

There are transferred to the Chairman of the National Council on the Handicapped all functions relating to the Council which were vested in the Secretary of Education on the day before February 22, 1984. The Chairman of the National Council on the Handicapped shall continue to exercise all the functions under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.] or any other law or authority which the Chairman was performing before February 22, 1984.

#### (3) Changes in statutory and other references

References in any statute, reorganization plan, Executive order, regulation, or other offi-

cial document or proceeding to the Department of Education or the Secretary of Education with respect to functions or activities relating to the National Council on the Handicapped shall be deemed to refer to the National Council on the Handicapped or the Chairman of the National Council on the Handicapped, respectively.

(Pub. L. 98–221, title I, §141(b), Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 26.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, referred to in par. (2), is Pub. L. 93–112, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 355, as amended, which is classified generally to this chapter (§701 et seq.). For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 701 of this title and Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Rehabilitation Amendments of 1984, and not as part of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which comprises this chapter.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

The National Council on the Handicapped was established by former section 780 of this title and was redesignated the National Council on Disability by an amendment to that section by Pub. L. 100–630, title II, §205(b), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3310.

### § 781. Duties of National Council

#### (a) In general

The National Council shall—

(1) provide advice to the Director with respect to the policies and conduct of the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, including ways to improve research concerning individuals with disabilities and the methods of collecting and disseminating findings of such research;

(2) provide advice to the Commissioner with respect to the policies of and conduct of the Rehabilitation Services Administration;

(3) advise the President, the Congress, the Commissioner, the appropriate Assistant Secretary of the Department of Education, and the Director of the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research on the development of the programs to be carried out under this chapter;

(4) provide advice regarding priorities for the activities of the Interagency Disability Coordinating Council and review the recommendations of such Council for legislative and administrative changes to ensure that such recommendations are consistent with the purposes of the Council to promote the full integration, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities;

(5) review and evaluate on a continuing basis—

(A) policies, programs, practices, and procedures concerning individuals with disabilities conducted or assisted by Federal departments and agencies, including programs established or assisted under this chapter or under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 [42 U.S.C. 15001 et seq.]; and

(B) all statutes and regulations pertaining to Federal programs which assist such individuals with disabilities;

in order to assess the effectiveness of such policies, programs, practices, procedures, statutes, and regulations in meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities;

(6) assess the extent to which such policies, programs, practices, and procedures facilitate or impede the promotion of the policies set forth in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 780(a)(2) of this title;

(7) gather information about the implementation, effectiveness, and impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.);

(8) make recommendations to the President, the Congress, the Secretary, the Director of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, and other officials of Federal agencies or other Federal entities, respecting ways to better promote the policies set forth in section 780(a)(2) of this title;

(9) provide to the Congress on a continuing basis advice, recommendations, legislative proposals, and any additional information that the National Council or the Congress deems appropriate; and

(10) review and evaluate on a continuing basis new and emerging disability policy issues affecting individuals with disabilities at the Federal, State, and local levels, and in the private sector, including the need for and coordination of adult services, access to personal assistance services, school reform efforts and the impact of such efforts on individuals with disabilities, access to health care, and policies that operate as disincentives for the individuals to seek and retain employment.

#### (b) Annual reports

(1) Not later than October 31, 1998, and annually thereafter, the National Council shall prepare and submit to the President and the appropriate committees of the Congress a report entitled “National Disability Policy: A Progress Report”.

(2) The report shall assess the status of the Nation in achieving the policies set forth in section 780(a)(2) of this title, with particular focus on the new and emerging issues impacting on the lives of individuals with disabilities. The report shall present, as appropriate, available data on health, housing, employment, insurance, transportation, recreation, training, prevention, early intervention, and education. The report shall include recommendations for policy change.

(3) In determining the issues to focus on and the findings, conclusions, and recommendations to include in the report, the National Council shall seek input from the public, particularly individuals with disabilities, representatives of organizations representing a broad range of individuals with disabilities, and organizations and agencies interested in individuals with disabilities.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title IV, § 401, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, § 407, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1199; amended Pub. L. 105-394, title II, § 202, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3653; Pub. L. 106-402, title IV, § 401(b)(3)(B), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1737; Pub. L. 108-364, § 3(b)(2), Oct. 25, 2004, 118 Stat. 1737; Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, § 452, July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1675.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, referred to in subsec. (a)(5)(A), is Pub. L. 106-402, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1677, which is classified principally to chapter 144 (§15001 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 15001 of Title 42 and Tables.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, referred to in subsec. (a)(7), is Pub. L. 101-336, July 26, 1990, 104 Stat. 327, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 126 (§12101 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 12101 of Title 42 and Tables.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 781, Pub. L. 93-112, title IV, § 401, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title I, § 117, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2977; amended Pub. L. 98-221, title I, § 142, Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 27; Pub. L. 99-506, title I, § 103(d)(2)(C), title III, § 302(b), title V, § 502, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810, 1821, 1828; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, § 205(c), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3310; Pub. L. 102-569, title I, § 102(p)(27), title IV, § 402, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4360, 4422; Pub. L. 104-66, title II, § 2131, Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 731, related to duties of National Council on Disability, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

Another prior section 781, Pub. L. 93-112, title IV, § 401, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 386, related to program and project evaluation, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 95-602, § 117.

#### AMENDMENTS

Subsec. (a)(1), (3). Pub. L. 113-128, § 452(1), substituted “National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research” for “National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-128, § 452(2), struck out subsec. (c) which required a report describing the barriers in Federal assistive technology policy to increasing the availability of and access to assistive technology devices and assistive technology services for individuals with disabilities.

2004—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 108-364 substituted “targeted individuals and entities” for “targeted individuals”.

2000—Subsec. (a)(5)(A). Pub. L. 106-402, which directed substitution of “Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000” for “Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6000 et seq.)”, was executed by making the substitution for “Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1998—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-394 added subsec. (c).

#### TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions of law requiring submittal to Congress of any annual, semiannual, or other regular periodic report listed in House Document No. 103-7 (in which a report to Congress required under subsec. (b) of this section is listed on page 182), see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions which the Director of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research exercised before July 22, 2014 (including all related functions of any officer or employee of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research), transferred to the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, see sub-section (n) of section 3515e of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

## § 782. Compensation of National Council members

### (a) Rate

Members of the National Council shall be entitled to receive compensation at a rate equal to the rate of pay for level 4 of the Senior Executive Service Schedule under section 5382 of title 5, including travel time, for each day they are engaged in the performance of their duties as members of the National Council.

### (b) Full-time officers or employees of United States

Members of the National Council who are full-time officers or employees of the United States shall receive no additional pay on account of their service on the National Council except for compensation for travel expenses as provided under subsection (c) of this section.

### (c) Travel expenses

While away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the National Council, members of the National Council shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title IV, § 402, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, § 407, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1200.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 782, Pub. L. 93-112, title IV, § 402, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title I, § 117, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2978; amended Pub. L. 100-630, title II, § 205(d), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3310; Pub. L. 102-569, title IV, § 403, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4423, related to compensation of National Council members, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

Another prior section 782, Pub. L. 93-112, title IV, § 402, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 387, authorized the Secretary to obtain information from Federal agencies, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 95-602, § 117.

## § 783. Staff of National Council

### (a) Executive Director; technical and professional employees

(1) The Chairperson of the National Council may appoint and remove, without regard to the provisions of title 5 governing appointments, the provisions of chapter 75 of such title (relating to adverse actions), the provisions of chapter 77 of such title (relating to appeals), or the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title (relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates), an Executive Director to assist the National Council to carry out its duties. The Executive Director shall be appointed from among individuals who are experienced in the planning or operation of programs for individuals with disabilities.

(2) The Executive Director is authorized to hire technical and professional employees to assist the National Council to carry out its duties.

### (b) Temporary or intermittent services; voluntary and uncompensated services; gifts, etc.; contracts and agreements; official representation and reception

(1) The National Council may procure temporary and intermittent services to the same ex-

tent as is authorized by section 3109(b) of title 5 (but at rates for individuals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the rate of pay for level 4 of the Senior Executive Service Schedule under section 5382 of title 5).

(2) The National Council may—

(A) accept voluntary and uncompensated services, notwithstanding the provisions of section 1342 of title 31;

(B) in the name of the Council, solicit, accept, employ, and dispose of, in furtherance of this chapter, any money or property, real or personal, or mixed, tangible or nontangible, received by gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise; and

(C) enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with Federal and State agencies, private firms, institutions, and individuals for the conduct of research and surveys, preparation of reports and other activities necessary to the discharge of the Council's duties and responsibilities.

(3) Not more than 10 per centum of the total amounts available to the National Council in each fiscal year may be used for official representation and reception.

### (c) Administrative support services

The Administrator of General Services shall provide to the National Council on a reimbursable basis such administrative support services as the Council may request.

### (d) Investment of amounts not required for current withdrawals

(1) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to invest such portion of the amounts made available under subsection (a)(2)(B)<sup>1</sup> of this section as is not, in the Secretary's judgment, required to meet current withdrawals. Such investments may be made only in interest-bearing obligations of the United States or in obligations guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States.

(2) The amounts described in paragraph (1), and the interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, the obligations described in paragraph (1) shall be available to the National Council to carry out this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title IV, § 403, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, § 407, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1200.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 783, Pub. L. 93-112, title IV, § 403, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title I, § 117, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2978; amended Pub. L. 98-221, title I, § 143, Feb. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 28; Pub. L. 99-506, title I, § 103(d)(2)(C), title V, § 503, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810, 1829; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, § 205(e), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3310; Pub. L. 102-569, title I, § 102(p)(28), title IV, § 404, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4360, 4423; Pub. L. 103-73, title I, § 111, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 727, related to National Council staff, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

Another prior section 783, Pub. L. 93-112, title IV, § 403, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 387; Pub. L. 93-516, title I, § 108, Dec. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1619; Pub. L. 93-651, title I, § 108, Nov. 21, 1974, 89 Stat. 2-4; Pub. L. 94-230, §§ 8, 11(b)(11), Mar. 15, 1976, 90 Stat. 212, 213, authorized appropriations to conduct program and project evaluations, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 95-602, § 117.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be subsection "(b)(2)(B)".