

(D) experts with a background in academia or research and expertise in employment and wage policy issues for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;

(E) representatives from the employer community or national employer organizations; and

(F) other individuals or representatives of organizations with expertise on increasing opportunities for competitive integrated employment for individuals with disabilities.

**(d) Chairperson**

The Committee shall elect a Chairperson of the Committee from among the appointed members of the Committee.

**(e) Meetings**

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, but not less than 8 times.

**(f) Duties**

The Committee shall study, and prepare findings, conclusions, and recommendations for the Secretary of Labor on—

(1) ways to increase the employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities or other individuals with significant disabilities in competitive integrated employment;

(2) the use of the certificate program carried out under section 214(c) of this title for the employment of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or other individuals with significant disabilities; and

(3) ways to improve oversight of the use of such certificates.

**(g) Committee personnel matters**

**(1) Travel expenses**

The members of the Committee shall not receive compensation for the performance of services for the Committee, but shall be allowed reasonable travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Committee. Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, the Secretary may accept the voluntary and uncompensated services of members of the Committee.

**(2) Staff**

The Secretary of Labor may designate such personnel as may be necessary to enable the Committee to perform its duties.

**(3) Detail of Government employees**

Any Federal Government employee, with the approval of the head of the appropriate Federal agency, may be detailed to the Committee without reimbursement, and such detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

**(4) Facilities, equipment, and services**

The Secretary of Labor shall make available to the Committee, under such arrangements as may be appropriate, necessary equipment, supplies, and services.

**(h) Reports**

**(1) Interim and final reports**

The Committee shall prepare and submit to the Secretary of Labor, as well as the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives—

(A) an interim report that summarizes the progress of the Committee, along with any interim findings, conclusions, and recommendations as described in subsection (f); and

(B) a final report that states final findings, conclusions, and recommendations as described in subsection (f).

**(2) Preparation and submission**

The reports shall be prepared and submitted—

(A) in the case of the interim report, not later than 1 year after the date on which the Committee is established under subsection (a); and

(B) in the case of the final report, not later than 2 years after the date on which the Committee is established under subsection (a).

**(i) Termination**

The Committee shall terminate on the day after the date on which the Committee submits the final report.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 609, as added Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, § 461(11), July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1682.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 795n, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 609, formerly § 628, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, § 409, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1217; amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, § 101(f) [title VIII, § 402(b)(19)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-337, 2681-414; renumbered § 609, Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, § 461(3), July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1679, related to authorization of appropriations, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, § 461(11), July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1682. See section 795o of this title. Provisions similar to prior section 795n were contained in section 795q of this title prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

Another prior section 795n, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 635, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VI, § 621(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4440, which related to State plans, was omitted in the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220. See section 795k of this title.

Another prior section 795n, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 635, as added Pub. L. 99-506, title VII, § 704(a)(1), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1836; amended Pub. L. 100-630, title II, § 207(g), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3314, related to availability and comparability of services under former part C of this subchapter, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, § 621(a).

**§ 795o. Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter \$27,548,000 for fiscal year 2015, \$29,676,000 for fiscal year 2016, \$30,292,000 for fiscal year 2017, \$30,963,000 for fiscal year 2018, \$31,691,000 for fiscal year 2019, and \$32,363,000 for fiscal year 2020.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 610, as added Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, § 461(11), July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1684.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 795o to 795r were omitted in the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

Section 795o, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 636, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VI, § 621(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4442, related to collection of client information.

Another prior section 795o, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 636, as added Pub. L. 99-506, title VII, § 704(a)(1), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1836, related to collection of client information, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, § 621(a).

Section 795p, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 637, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VI, § 621(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4442, contained savings provision. See section 795m of this title.

Another prior section 795p, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 637, as added Pub. L. 99-506, title VII, § 704(a)(1), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1837, contained a savings provision not prohibiting a State from carrying out post-employment services leading to supported employment, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, § 621(a).

Section 795q, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 638, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VI, § 621(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4442, authorized appropriations.

Another prior section 795q, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 638, as added Pub. L. 99-506, title VII, § 704(a)(1), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1837; amended Pub. L. 100-630, title II, § 207(h), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3314; Pub. L. 102-52, § 7(c), June 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 262, authorized appropriations for fiscal years 1987 to 1992, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, § 621(a).

Section 795r, Pub. L. 93-112, title VI, § 641, formerly § 622, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title II, § 201, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2994; amended Pub. L. 99-506, title I, § 103(d)(2)(C), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1810; Pub. L. 100-630, title II, § 207(c), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3313; renumbered § 641 and amended Pub. L. 102-569, title I, § 102(p)(39), title VI, § 612(a)(2), (3), (b), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4361, 4438, related to business opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

## SUBCHAPTER VII—INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES AND CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

### CODIFICATION

Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, comprising this subchapter, was originally added to Pub. L. 93-112 by Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, § 701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4443, and amended by Pub. L. 103-73, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 718. Title VII is shown herein, however, as having been added by Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, § 410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1217, without reference to those intervening amendments because of the extensive revision of title VII by Pub. L. 105-220.

### PART A—INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES

#### SUBPART 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### § 796. Purpose

The purpose of this part is to promote a philosophy of independent living, including a philosophy of consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy, in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society, by—

(1) providing financial assistance to States for providing, expanding, and improving the provision of independent living services;

(2) providing financial assistance to develop and support statewide networks of centers for independent living; and

(3) providing financial assistance to States for improving working relationships among State independent living rehabilitation service programs, centers for independent living, Statewide Independent Living Councils established under section 796d of this title, State vocational rehabilitation programs receiving assistance under subchapter I, State programs of supported employment services receiving assistance under subchapter VI, client assistance programs receiving assistance under section 732 of this title, programs funded under other subchapters of this chapter, programs funded under other Federal law, and programs funded through non-Federal sources, with the goal of improving the independence of individuals with disabilities.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, § 701, as added Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, § 410, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1217; amended Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, § 471, July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1685.)

### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 796, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, § 701, as added Pub. L. 102-569, title VII, § 701(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4443; amended Pub. L. 103-73, title I, § 114(a), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 728, related to purpose of program to provide assistance for independent living for individuals with severe disabilities, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-220.

Another prior section 796, Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, § 701, as added Pub. L. 95-602, title III, § 301, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2995, provided Congressional statement of purpose of former subchapter VII, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-569, § 701(1).

### AMENDMENTS

2014—Par. (3). Pub. L. 113-128 substituted “subchapter VI” for “part B of subchapter VI” and inserted before period at end “, with the goal of improving the independence of individuals with disabilities”.

#### § 796-1. Administration of the independent living program

There is established within the Administration for Community Living of the Department of Health and Human Services, an Independent Living Administration. The Independent Living Administration shall be headed by a Director (referred to in this section as the “Director”) appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The Director shall be an individual with substantial knowledge of independent living services. The Independent Living Administration shall be the principal agency, and the Director shall be the principal officer, to carry out this part. In performing the functions of the office, the Director shall be directly responsible to the Administrator of the Administration for Community Living of the Department of Health and Human Services. The Secretary shall ensure that the Independent Living Administration has sufficient resources (including designating at least 1 individual from the Office of General Counsel who is knowledgeable about independent living services) to provide technical assistance and support to, and oversight of, the programs funded under this part.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title VII, § 701A, as added Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, § 472, July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1685.)