

The Commission recommends to the General Assembly the salaries of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor. These recommendations are presented as a joint legislative resolution and must be introduced no later than the fifteenth day of the regular session in 1978 and every fourth year thereafter. The General Assembly may adopt or reduce the Commission's recommendations, but may not increase the salaries proposed. If the General Assembly fails to adopt or amend the joint resolution within fifty calendar days following its introduction, the salaries recommended by the Commission shall apply. Salaries recommended by the Commission and endorsed by the General Assembly go into effect at the beginning of the next term of the Governor. If the Commission fails to provide salary recommendations, no salary changes can be made.

The seven-member Commission consists of the Treasurer of the State, three appointees of the President of the Senate, and three appointees of the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Members serve four-year terms (Const. 1867, Art. II, secs. 1A, 21, 21A).

OFFICE FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS

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The Office for Handicapped Individuals was established within the Office of the Governor in 1984 (Chapter 295, Acts of 1984). Formerly, it was named the Office for the Coordination of Services to the Handicapped.

The Office identifies and evaluates programs and services for handicapped citizens in the State. It collects information to identify needs and gaps in services and programs; coordinates and supports public and private agencies that provide services and programs to the handicapped; and provides an information and referral service.

The Office identifies barriers to the delivery of adequate services and recommends corrective procedures. It monitors and encourages State government compliance with laws and policies that affect handicapped individuals. Annually, the Office reports to the Governor on the status of services and programs and recommends to the Department of State Planning capital budget projects to

improve access to State-owned facilities. It also meets with and provides technical assistance to the State Advisory Council for Handicapped Individuals on at least a quarterly basis; and promotes the designation of local or regional offices to coordinate services to the handicapped.

Within the Office for Handicapped Individuals are the State Advisory Council for Handicapped Individuals, the Maryland State Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, and the State Coordinating Council for Residential Placement of Handicapped Children.

Authorization for the agency continues until July 1, 1994 (Code State Government Article, secs. 9-1101 through 9-1110).

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS

Chairperson: Joel D. Myerberg, 1988

Joseph I. Cassilly, 1987; Nancy Ruth Darnell, 1987; Carole A. Glowacki, 1987; Ronald J. Hartman, 1987; Addison Hobbs, 1987; Stephen T. Jenkins, 1987; Irwin Kaplan, 1987; Rosemary Malcolm-Rodgers, 1987; Peggy K. Martin, 1987; Richard A. Batterton, 1988; Barbara Marx Brocato, 1988; Martha Irvin Fields, 1988; Michael S. Finkle, 1988; R. Richard Frye, 1988; Barbara S. Lardieri, 1988; Lois C. Meszaros, 1988; George H. Abbott, Jr., 1989; Thomas J. Condon, 1989; Robert W. Griner, Jr., 1989; Thomas H. Hattery, 1989; Harry L. Hamrick, 1989; Charlene Hughins, 1989; Aldon Lockwood, 1989; *two vacancies.*

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The State Advisory Council for Handicapped Individuals advises the Office for Handicapped Individuals in carrying out its duties; reviews statewide activities for the handicapped; and fosters coordination and support for programs for the handicapped.

The Council, which consists of twenty-six members representing public and private agencies and handicapped individuals, is appointed by the Governor. The Governor also appoints the Director.

MARYLAND STATE PLANNING COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Chairperson: Kathleen R. Rollason, 1988