

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative  
Departments

159.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS.

(C) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE.

(D) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS.

160.

IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, THERE IS AN OFFICE FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS.

160A.

(A) THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE IS THE DIRECTOR, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

(B) THE DIRECTOR SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR.

(C) THE DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS.

(D) THE DIRECTOR IS ENTITLED TO THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

160B.

THE OFFICE SHALL BE GIVEN ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES.

160C.

THE OFFICE SHALL:

(1) IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE;

(2) COLLECT INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS NEED;

(3) IDENTIFY BARRIERS TO THE DELIVERY OF ADEQUATE SERVICES AND RECOMMEND PROCEDURES TO REMOVE THE BARRIERS;