

[(d) The Council shall:

(1) Comment at least annually on the reports of the State Manpower Services Council; and

(2) After consulting with the State Manpower Services Council:

(i) Identify the vocational education and employment training needs of this State; and

(ii) Assess the extent that the vocational education, employment training, special education, vocational rehabilitation, and other programs assisted by the federal act represent a consistent, integrated, and coordinated approach to meeting those needs.

(e) The Council shall evaluate the vocational education programs, services, and activities that are assisted under the federal act.

(f) (8) If requested, [the Council shall] provide technical assistance to county education agencies, institutions of postsecondary education, and county advisory councils on establishing and operating county advisory councils[.];

[(g) The Council shall:

(1) Publish and distribute the results of its evaluations;

(2) Prepare and submit through the State Board of Education to the United States Commissioner of Education and the National Advisory Council on Vocational Education an annual report that:

(i) Evaluates the effectiveness of vocational education programs, services, and activities under the 5-year State plan, the annual program plan, and accountability report; and

(ii) Recommends any changes it considers necessary in programs, services, and activities; and]

(9) PUBLISH AND DISTRIBUTE AN ANNUAL REPORT THAT ADDRESSES ALL SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COVERED BY THE REPORT;

[(3)] (10) Make other studies and furnish reports on vocational-technical education in this State:

(i) On its own initiative; or

(ii) If requested by the Governor or the General Assembly[.]; AND