**Section 515.440 Powers and Duties**

The Council shall have the following duties:

a) jointly with DHS-ORS, develop and submit to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Education (Commissioner) the Independent Living Plan for the State of Illinois;

b) monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the State Plan for Independent Living;

c) coordinate activities with the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council;

d) submit to the Commissioner such periodic reports as he/she may reasonably request, and keep such records, and afford such access to such records, as the Commissioner finds necessary to verify such reports;

e) hold hearings and forums as it deems necessary to carry out the duties of the Council;

f) prepare, in conjunction with DHS-ORS, a plan for the provision of resources, including staff and personnel, necessary to carry out the functions of the Council;

g) have necessary exclusive staff to assist the Council in carrying out its duties and supervise and evaluate that staff; and

h) *appoint jointly*, *with* *the Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator,* *a peer review committee to consider and make recommendations for grants to eligible centers for independent living* [20 ILCS 2405/12a(d)].

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