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To amend section 3303.41 of the Revised Code to 1
increase the length of the term of the chairperson 2
of the Governor's Council on People with 3
Disabilities and to require the Opportunities for 4
Ohioans with Disabilities Agency to provide 5
meeting space, equipment, and furniture to the 6
Council. 7

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3303.41 of the Revised Code be 8
amended to read as follows: 9

Sec. 3303.41. (A) There is hereby created the governor's 10
council on people with disabilities. The council shall consist of 11
twenty-one members of which the majority shall be people with 12
disabilities as defined in this section, appointed by the governor 13
for a term of three years except that for initial appointments, 14
seven members shall be appointed for a term of one year, seven 15
members shall be appointed for a term of two years, and seven 16
members shall be appointed for a term of three years. Members may 17
succeed themselves not more than one time. A member shall continue 18
in office subsequent to the expiration of the member's term until 19

the member's successor takes office. The governor shall ~~annually~~ 20
appoint a chairperson ~~who may to serve a two-year term.~~ The 21
chairperson shall not succeed himself or herself ~~not more than one~~ 22
time as chairperson. The chairperson shall continue in office 23
subsequent to the expiration of the chairperson's term until the 24
chairperson's successor takes office. Members of the council shall 25
serve without compensation, but shall be paid the actual and 26
necessary expenses they incur in the performance of their duties. 27

(B) The council shall meet at least six times annually at 28
such times and places as may be designated by the chairperson. 29

~~(C) The governor's council on people with disabilities shall~~ 30
~~be assigned to executive director of the opportunities for Ohioans~~ 31
~~with disabilities agency for administrative purposes. The~~ 32
~~executive director of the opportunities for Ohioans with~~ 33
~~disabilities agency shall assign one~~ provide the council with both 34
of the following: 35

(1) One professional staff person to the council to serve as 36
executive secretary and other personnel as determined advisable of 37
the council; 38

(2) Any meeting space, office furniture, and equipment that 39
are necessary for the council to fulfill its duties. 40

(D) The council shall have the following powers: 41

~~(A)~~(1) To cooperate with the president's committee on 42
employment of the handicapped; 43

~~(B)~~(2) To cooperate with all employers both public and 44
private in locating or developing employment opportunities for 45
people with disabilities; 46

~~(C)~~(3) To encourage and assist in the creation of committees 47
at the community level; 48

~~(D)~~(4) To assist local, state, and federal agencies to 49

coordinate their activities for the purpose of securing maximum 50
utilization of funds and efforts that benefit people with 51
disabilities; 52

~~(E)~~(5) To encourage cooperation among public and private 53
employers, unions, and rehabilitation agencies, bureaus, and 54
organizations both public and private with a specific goal to 55
facilitate employment of people with disabilities; 56

~~(F)~~(6) To serve in an advisory capacity to the governor's 57
office directly and as needed to the general assembly on issues 58
relating to the needs, problems, and other concerns of people with 59
disabilities; 60

~~(G)~~(7) To conduct educational programs to acquaint the public 61
with the abilities and accomplishments of people with 62
disabilities; 63

~~(H)~~(8) To promote the elimination of architectural barriers 64
to make buildings used by the public accessible and useable by 65
persons with physical limitations; 66

~~(I)~~(9) To make such rules as it determines advisable for the 67
conduct of its own business. 68

(E) The council shall annually report to the governor on 69
council activities and on the state of the people of this state 70
with disabilities. This report may include any recommendations 71
believed necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this 72
section. 73

(F) As used in this section, "person with a disability" means 74
any individual who has a disability or condition that, regardless 75
of its physical or mental origin, imposes a functional limitation. 76

(G) It shall be lawful for any public employee or officer to 77
serve as a member of the council. 78

Section 2. That existing section 3303.41 of the Revised Code 79

is hereby repealed.