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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

<b>Section 2.</b> That existing section 3303.41 of the Revised Code	79
is hereby repealed.	80