**Section 2900.210 Purpose and Organization**

a) The Council serves as an advocate for all persons with developmental disabilities to assure that they receive the services and other assistance necessary to enable them to achieve their maximum potential through increased independence, productivity, integration and inclusion into the community.

b) The Council is composed of 29 members, 19 of whom are appointed by the Governor for specific terms of office pursuant to Section 2004.5 of the Law. Nine members shall be representatives of State governmental agencies, which includes one representative each from the State University Center for Excellence and the State protection and advocacy system pursuant to Section 2004.5 of the Law. Total membership shall include one non-voting member from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. At all times, not less than 60 percent of the Council's membership will be individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members.

c) The Council shall develop and implement the State Plan and perform other duties as prescribed under the Federal Act.

d) Funds for the Council's staffing, operations, State Plan implementation, grants and activities are authorized under the Law and the Federal Act.

e) Grants may be awarded to agencies, individuals and organizations as a means to implement the State Plan.

f) Matters the Council or the Executive Committee, as provided for in the bylaws, shall discuss and vote on include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) Executive and Council meeting minutes;

2) Bylaws;

3) Grant awards;

4) Final reports resulting from Council-funded projects;

5) Policies and positions regarding the system of services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families that are consistent with the Federal Act's findings, purpose and policies;

6) Federal fiscal year budget;

7) Employment, evaluation or termination of Director; and

8) State Plan.

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