

## §1416-B. Improving recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities

In addition to its existing duties, the Statewide Independent Living Council, established pursuant to 29 United States Code, Sections 796 to 796f (1999) and administered by the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, through a standing committee on recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities, shall perform the following duties: [PL 1999, c. 58, §4 (NEW).]

**1. Advise commissioners.** Advise the Commissioner of Labor, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Commissioner of Transportation, the Commissioner of Marine Resources, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on ways:

A. To provide technical consultation for increasing participation and inclusion for persons with disabilities in all areas of recreation, which are a matter of public policy; and [PL 1999, c. 58, §4 (NEW).]

B. To promote the expansion of existing and the creation of new public recreational areas that are accessible to persons with disabilities; [PL 1999, c. 58, §4 (NEW).]  
[PL 1999, c. 58, §4 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §7 (REV); PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6 (REV).]

**2. Educate public.** Make the public aware of existing recreational opportunities that are accessible to persons with disabilities;  
[PL 1999, c. 58, §4 (NEW).]

**3. Provide information.** Provide and disseminate information and education to public and private clubs, organizations and civic groups and to individuals on making recreation accessible to persons with disabilities; and  
[PL 1999, c. 58, §4 (NEW).]

**4. Conduct evaluations and provide technical assistance.** In conjunction with the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services' staff, conduct accessibility evaluations upon request and provide technical assistance to recreation providers and users with regard to providing access for persons with disabilities.  
[PL 1999, c. 58, §4 (NEW).]

### SECTION HISTORY

PL 1999, c. 58, §4 (NEW). PL 2003, c. 689, §B7 (REV). PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6 (REV).

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