

ICDR REAUTHORIZATION

Summary of changes from PL 113-128

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

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Purpose

- To promote coordination and cooperation among Federal departments and agencies conducting disability, **independent living**, and rehabilitation research programs including programs relating to assistive technology research and research that incorporates the principals of universal design.

*NOTE: Text that is red and italicized denotes new provisions from PL 113-128
The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)*

Statutory Membership

- Secretary, HHS (*Chair or designee*)
- Director, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research.
- Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration
- Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
- *Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Policy*
- *Secretary of Defense*
- *Administrator, Administration for Community Living*
- Secretary, Education
- Secretary, Veterans Affairs
- Director, National Institutes of Health
- Director, National Institute of Mental Health
- Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Secretary, Transportation
- Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs
- Director, Indian Health Service
- Director, National Science Foundation,
- *Administrator of the Small Business Administration*

Seek input

The ICDR shall meet not less than four times/year *and for not less than 1 of such meetings every 2 years, seek input on the ICDR's work including the development and implementation of the strategic plan from:*

- *Policymakers*
- *Representatives from other Federal agencies conducting relevant research*
- *Individuals with disabilities*
- *Organizations representing individuals with disabilities*
- *Researchers*
- *Providers*

ICDR Duties

- After receiving input from *individuals with disabilities* the Committee shall identify, assess, and seek to coordinate all Federal programs, activities, and projects, and plans for such programs, activities, and projects with respect to the conduct of research (including assistive technology research and research that incorporates the principles of universal design) related to *independent living and* rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

Specific Duties

- Share information regarding the range of assistive technology research, *independent living research*, and research that incorporates the principles of universal design, that is being carried out by members of the Committee and other Federal departments and organizations;
- Identify, and make efforts to address, gaps in assistive technology research, *independent living research*, and research that incorporates the principles of universal design that are not being adequately addressed;
- Identify, and establish, clear research priorities related to assistive technology research and research that incorporates the principles of universal design for the Federal Government;

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Specific Duties (cont.)

- Promote interagency collaboration and joint research activities relating to assistive technology research, *independent living research*, and research that incorporates the principles of universal design at the Federal level, and reduce unnecessary duplication of effort regarding these types of research within the Federal Government; and
- Optimize the productivity of Committee members through resource sharing and other cost-saving activities, related to assistive technology research, *independent living research*, and research that incorporates the principles of universal design.

Comprehensive Government Wide Strategic Plan

- *Measurable goals and objectives*
- *Existing resources each agency will devote to carrying out the plan;*
- *Timetables for competing the projects outlined in the plan; and*
- *Assignment of responsible individuals and agencies for carrying out the research activities;*
- *Research priorities and recommendations;*
- *A description of how funds from each agency will be combined, as appropriate, for projects administered among Federal agencies, and how such funds will be administered;*

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Comprehensive Government Wide Strategic Plan (cont.)

- The development and ongoing maintenance of a searchable government wide inventory of disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research for trend and data analysis across Federal agencies;
- Guiding principles, policies, and procedures, consistent with the best research practices available , for conducting and administering disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research across Federal agencies; and
- A summary of underemphasized and duplicative areas of research.

Annual Report Requirements

- Describe the progress of the Committee in fulfilling specified duties *including a report of the progress made in implementing the strategic plan, including progress toward implementing measurable goals and objectives, agency resources, timetables and responsible individuals and agencies, and detailed budget information.*
- Make such recommendations as the Committee determines to be appropriate with respect to coordination of policy and development of objectives and priorities for all Federal programs relating to the conduct of research (including assistive technology research and research that incorporates the principles of universal design) related to rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities; and
- Describe activities the Committee recommends to be funded through grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other mechanisms, for assistive technology research and development and research and development that incorporates the principles of universal design.

Related NIDILRR Provisions (Section 202)

- The Director shall be responsible for coordinating, through the ICDR, all Federal programs and policies relating to research on disability, independent living, and rehabilitation;
- In order to promote cooperation among Federal departments and agencies conducting research programs, the Director shall consult with the administrators of such programs, and with the ICDR regarding the design of research projects conducted by such entities and the results and applications of such research.
- Take appropriate actions to provide for a comprehensive and coordinated research program and may undertake joint activities with other Federal entities engaged in research and with appropriate private entities.

Other Requirements for Interagency Coordination

(Section 202)

- Any Federal entity proposing to establish any research project related to disability, independent living and rehabilitation research, shall consult, through the ICDR, with the Director as Chairperson of such Committee and provide the Director with sufficient prior opportunity to comment on such project.
- Any person responsible for administering any program of the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the National Science Foundation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, or of any other Federal entity, shall, through the ICDR, consult and cooperate with the Director in carrying out such program if the program is related to the purposes of NIDILRR