



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2020 - 8

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#### *STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 16-14*

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**WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana remains committed to promoting a philosophy of independent living in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities;

**WHEREAS,** the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, specifically, 29 U.S.C.A. §796, was enacted to promote independent living by:

- A. Providing financial assistance to States for providing, expanding, and improving the provision of independent living services;
- B. Providing financial assistance to develop and support statewide networks of centers for independent living; and
- C. Providing financial assistance to states for improving working relationships among independent living partners;

**WHEREAS,** the Statewide Independent Living Council was reestablished and recreated within the executive department, Office of the Governor, in accordance with 29 U.S.C.A. §796d on April 29, 2016, through Executive Order Number JBE 16-14; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to amend Executive Order Number JBE 16-14.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Section 3 of Executive Order Number JBE 16-14, issued on April 29, 2016, is hereby amended as follows:

The Council shall be composed of twenty-four (24) members who shall be designated by the Governor. The membership of the Council shall be as follows:

- A. One (1) director of a center for independent living, chosen by the directors of centers for independent living within the state;
- B. Sixteen (16) members selected among the following: individuals with disabilities; representatives from centers for independent living; parents and/or legal guardians of individuals with disabilities; advocates of and for individuals with disabilities; representatives from private businesses; representatives from organizations that provide services for individuals with disabilities; and any other individuals deemed appropriate.

C. Seven (7) ex officio, non-voting members, which shall include representatives from State agencies that provides services for individuals with disabilities. Ex officio members will not be counted for purposes of a quorum.

**SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Bel Edwards", is written over a horizontal line.

**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. Keith Moore", is written over a horizontal line.

**SECRETARY OF STATE**