(105 ILCS 5/14-11.02) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-11.02)

Sec. 14-11.02.

The Advisory Board for Services for Persons who are Deaf- Blind shall provide advice to the State Superintendent of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly on all matters pertaining to policy concerning persons who are deaf-blind, including the implementation of legislation enacted on their behalf.

Regarding the maintenance, operation and education functions of the Philip J. Rock Center and School, the Advisory Board shall also make recommendations pertaining to but not limited to the following matters:

1. Existing and proposed programs of all State

agencies that provide services for persons who are deaf- blind;

1. The State program and financial plan for

deaf-blind services and the system of priorities to be developed by the State Board of Education;

1. Standards for services in facilities serving persons who are deaf-blind;
2. Standards and rates for State payments for any services purchased for persons who are deaf-blind;
3. Services and research activities in the field of deaf-blindness, including evaluation of services; and
4. Planning for personnel/preparation, both preservice and inservice.

The Advisory Board shall consist of 3 persons appointed by the Governor; 2 persons appointed by the State Superintendent of Education; 4 persons appointed by the Secretary of Human Services; and 2 persons appointed by the Director of Children and Family Services. The 3 appointments of the Governor shall consist of a senior citizen 60 years of age or older, a consumer who is deaf-blind, and a parent of a person who is deaf-blind; provided that if any gubernatorial appointee serving on the Advisory Board on the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1991 is not either a senior citizen 60 years of age or older or a consumer who is deaf-blind or a parent of a person who is deaf-blind, then whenever that appointee's term of office expires or a vacancy in that appointee's office sooner occurs, the Governor shall make the appointment to fill that office or vacancy in a manner that will result, at the earliest possible time, in the Governor's appointments to the Advisory Board being comprised of one senior citizen 60 years of age or older, one consumer who is deaf-blind, and one parent of a person who is deaf-blind. One person designated by each agency other than the Department of Human Services may be an employee of that agency. Two persons appointed by the Secretary of Human Services may be employees of the Department of Human Services. The appointments of each appointing authority other than the Governor shall include at least one parent of an individual who is deaf-blind or a person who is deaf-blind.

Vacancies in terms shall be filled by the original appointing authority. After the original terms, all terms shall be for 3 years.

Except for those members of the Advisory Board who are compensated for State service on a full-time basis, members shall be reimbursed for all actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Each member who is not compensated for State service on a full-time basis shall be compensated at a rate of $50 per day which he spends on Advisory Board duties. The Advisory Board shall meet at least 4 times per year and not more than 12 times per year.

The Advisory Board shall provide for its own organization. Six members of the Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum.

The affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Advisory Board shall be necessary for any action taken by the Advisory Board.

(Source: P.A. 88-670, eff. 12-2-94; 89-397, eff. 8-20-95; 89-

507, eff. 7-1-97.)