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## **Chapter C Coordinating Compliance By State Agencies With Laws Protecting The Rights Of Individuals With Disabilities**

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### ***I. STATUTORY AUTHORITY***

RI GL 42-51-6 (3) Governor’s Commission on Disabilities - Duties <sup>1</sup>

### ***II. DEFINITIONS***

- A. “The Commission” shall mean the [Governor’s Commission on Disabilities](#) <sup>2</sup>.
- B. “State agency”<sup>3</sup> is defined in RI General La w 42-51-9 (3)

### ***III. PROCEDURE***

- A. The State of Rhode Island has developed a uniform procedure for ensuring compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- B. The State Coordinating Committee on Disability Rights has been formed to identify areas where the most efficient methods for compliance are through systemic change rather than at the departmental or agency level. This committee will review the recommendations from working groups that will conduct periodic self-evaluations of all services, activities, and programs of state government and state agency employment practices.
- C. Each self-evaluation working-group shall review all operations of the state agencies and departments represented on the working group. Any areas of potential non-compliance found shall be described in detail on ADA/504 Action Plan GCD Form C. The report shall also include recommended steps to bring about conformance with the ADA Self Evaluation and Compliance Plan for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

### ***IV. IMPLEMENTATION***

The Commission’s Chairperson, Executive Secretary or designee shall issue directives and instructions to ensure the full implementation of the self-evaluation and compliance plans.

### ***V. FORMS***

The Commission's staff shall prepare and revise the forms referenced above, as necessary.

## **VI. ENDNOTES**

These endnotes are the text of several general laws and are provided for clarification and are not part of the regulation. They are subject to revision, as amended by the General Assembly.

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<sup>3</sup> RIGL 42-51-9 (3) "State agency" means any department, division, agency, commission, board, office, bureau, council or authority, either branch of the Rhode Island general assembly or any agency or any committee thereof, or any other agency that is in any branch of Rhode Island state government and which exercises governmental functions.