

State to qualify for certain federal grants. Formerly under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Council was placed within the former Office for Handicapped Individuals in 1987 (Executive Order 01.01.1987.08). The Council now is part of the Office for Individuals with Disabilities.

The Council serves as an advocate for persons with developmental disabilities. The Council also develops the State plan on developmental disabilities and monitors, reviews, and evaluates its implementation. The Council annually awards funding for demonstration projects that enable people with developmental disabilities to become independent, productive citizens in their communities.

The Governor appoints the members of the Council. At least half the Council consists of persons with developmental disabilities or their parents or guardians, or immediate relatives or guardians of persons with mentally impairing developmental disabilities. Of these, at least one-third must be persons with developmental disabilities (U.S. Code, Title 42, sec. 6024).

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON
EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES

John A. Clinton, *Chairperson*, 1991

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair):
Patricia Sanders. *Term expires 1990.*

Harsha Desai; William B. Fox; Charles F. Meyer;
David A. Thompson. *Terms expire 1991.*

Denny Bowers; Pauline R. Covino; Peggy K.
Martin; Emanuel Orenberg; Jack R. Seymour;
Charles J. Tarrant; Anne R. Wade; Jacqueline
Wiggins. *Terms expire 1992.*

Nancy Boyle; Mary A. Conroy; James S. Jeffers;
Ervin Kennedy-Phillips; Celeste Morgan; Frank
Ortega; Denise K. Ovelgone; Paul Rendine; M.
Eugene Spurrier; Stanley W. Stocker; James A.
Teramani; H. Pat Walker; Margaret R.
Widner-Kolberg; Rodney J. Wiesinger. *Terms
expire 1993.*

Ex officio: Chairpersons of County Committees on
Employment of People with Disabilities

333-2263

The Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities originated in 1947 as the Governor's Committee to Promote Employment of the Handicapped. It was renamed the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in 1979. In 1980, the Committee was placed under the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the State Department of Education (Executive Order 01.01.1980.12). The Committee became part of the former Office for Handicapped Individuals in

1987 (Executive Order 01.01.1987.09) and received its present name in 1989. The Committee is within the Office for Individuals with Disabilities.

The Committee works to create a public awareness of the problems that people with disabilities face in finding employment. It cooperates with all groups, public and private, in promoting services for individuals with disabilities. The Committee also initiates and publicizes programs to stimulate hiring of persons with disabilities.

The Committee promotes meaningful employment opportunities for qualified mentally, physically and emotionally disabled individuals as defined by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Committee strives to enhance public awareness and understanding of barriers to employment that disabled individuals face and of the laws that ensure equal opportunity. The Committee also informs people with disabilities of opportunities available for habilitation and rehabilitation so that they may develop marketable job skills.

The Committee sponsors annual conferences, awards programs, and poster and journalism contests to promote public awareness of employment and rehabilitation programs for Maryland's disabled citizens.

Local committees exist in many counties and in Baltimore City. A quarterly newsletter, *Mainstreamer*, is distributed to citizens and employers interested in Committee objectives and to others upon request.

The Committee consists of thirty-five members. The Governor appoints members for three-year terms and designates the chairperson.

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Jay W. Brill, *Director*

333-4812

The Technology Assistance Program (TAP) provides information and technology services to people with disabilities. Created in 1990, the Program is funded by a grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research of the U.S. Department of Education. Maryland was one of the first states to receive such a grant.

To enhance the quality of life for Marylanders with disabilities, the Program helps people to locate, evaluate, and purchase adaptive devices. The Program provides technology-related training and referral services in cooperation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In 1990, the Program helped to form the Clearinghouse for Rehabilitation and Technology Information within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The Program has established three model technology demonstration centers with a main site at the Maryland Rehabilitation Center in Baltimore and sites in Cumberland and Salisbury where tech-