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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the office of the state Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator within the division of administration and provides for the functions, powers, and duties of the office.

Proposed law creates the office of the state Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator, referred to hereafter as the "office", within the division of administration. Provides that the office shall be administered by an executive director who shall have the title of state ADA coordinator.

Proposed law provides that the office shall have the following functions, powers, and duties relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):

- (1) To serve as the coordinating body for ADA compliance for all state agencies within the executive branch of state government.
- (2) To assist state agencies in updating, strengthening, and enhancing the scope of self-evaluation and transition plans to ensure compliance with the ADA mandate.
- (3) To provide reports and recommendations to the legislature for the adoption of legislation to facilitate compliance with the ADA.
- (4) To offer subject matter expertise for all matters relating to the ADA.
- (5) To conduct general and customized training on ADA topics for state agencies.
- (6) To provide informal technical assistance about the ADA to the general public and collaborate with local ADA support systems.
- (7) To increase public awareness of the ADA for the purpose of helping more citizens to understand the letter and the spirit of the law.

(Adds R.S. 36:4(B)(1)(o) and R.S. 46:2591-2599)