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Summary of the functions and responsibilities of a State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) under 34 CFR 361.17:

Functions of the State Rehabilitation Council:

1. **Advisory Role:** The Council reviews, analyzes, and advises the designated State unit (DSU) on the performance of vocational rehabilitation (VR) responsibilities, especially:
 - Eligibility criteria and order of selection.
 - Quality and scope of services provided.
 - Activities affecting employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities.
2. **Strategic Planning & Evaluation:**
 - Collaborates with the DSU to set and review State goals and priorities (§ 361.29(c)).
 - Evaluates the effectiveness of the VR program and reports progress to the U.S. Secretary of Education (§ 361.29(e)).
3. **Policy and Planning Input:**
 - Advises on activities and assists in preparing the VR portion of the Unified or Combined State Plan, amendments, reports, assessments, and evaluations.
4. **Consumer Feedback & Program Review:**
 - Analyzes the effectiveness and consumer satisfaction with:
 - State agency functions.

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- Services from public/private VR service providers.
- Employment outcomes and benefits.

5. **Annual Report:**

- Submits a report to the Governor and Secretary within 90 days of the fiscal year's end, also made publicly available.

6. **Coordination with Other Entities:**

- Coordinates efforts with other relevant state councils and organizations to reduce duplication and enhance service delivery.

7. **Liaison Role:**

- Facilitates cooperation between the DSU, Statewide Independent Living Council, and centers for independent living.

8. **Other Comparable Functions:**

- May undertake additional duties consistent with its purpose.

Responsibilities Related to Operations and Governance:

- **Meetings:** At least four per year, open and accessible to the public.
- **Resource Planning:** Works with DSU to plan for staffing and other resources needed to fulfill its duties.
- **Independence:** Staff assigned must be free from conflicts of interest and supervised by the Council.
- **Compensation:** Council members may be compensated and reimbursed (with restrictions on fund sources).
- **Conflict of Interest:** Members may not vote on matters where there is a direct financial benefit or appearance of conflict.



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