

**DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE**

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The State Department of Legislative Reference was originally created by Chapter 565, Acts of 1906 to serve the City of Baltimore. The scope of the Department was enlarged so that it would also serve the State by Chapter 474, Acts of 1916. By Chapter 453, Acts of 1965, the State's portion of the Department was transferred to the Legislative Branch. The present Department dates its present organization from Chapter 571, Acts of 1966, which separated this Department of the State government from the Department of the same name in Baltimore City.

The Department collects, compiles, and indexes information on all questions of proposed legislation. It investigates and reports on the laws of Maryland and other states at the request of the Governor, any committee or member of the General Assembly, or any State agency. At the request of a member of the General Assembly, the Department prepares or aids in the drafting of any law or resolution. During sessions of the General Assembly, the Department maintains offices in the State House at Annapolis. Each department of the State government must transmit to the Department of Legislative Reference at least two copies of each of its reports, which are used for exchange and reference purposes. The Department keeps a complete index and a complete file on all bills introduced in the General Assembly from 1918 to the present. It also keeps copies of the codes and laws of other states, and it maintains a library of books, pamphlets, reports, periodicals, and clippings on matters of current public and political interest (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., 1967 Supp., Art. 40, secs 48-53).

Appropriations	1967	1968
General Funds .....	\$171,857	\$150,668
Staff: 6.		

**FISCAL RESEARCH BUREAU**

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The Fiscal Research Bureau was established within the Department of Legislative Reference by Chapter 605, Acts of 1947. By Chapter 453, Acts of 1965, the Fiscal Research Bureau became a part of the Legislative Department. The Bureau acts as a staff agency of the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative Council in tax and fiscal matters; makes any investigations of State or local tax problems that they may request; and assists any commissions or committees that they, or a standing committee of the Legislature, may appoint to study taxation or related questions.

The Bureau's general duties include the study of State agencies, study of State and local taxation, study of State and local financial affairs and fiscal relationships, collection of data on the revenue and expenditures of the State's political subdivisions, and compilation and publication of financial data on the subdivisions. Each county, incorporated city or town, or special taxing district is required to submit