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The Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds was created in 1973 (Chapter 635, Acts of 1973). The Committee reviews policies and procedures of the State Treasurer regarding the investment and management of State funds in the Treasury, State funds not in the Treasury (excluding retirement system funds), and public funds by local government. It reports annually to the General Assembly.

The Committee consists of eight members, four from the Senate and four from the House of Delegates, appointed by the President and the Speaker. The chairperson and vice-chairperson are designated by the President and Speaker jointly and serve at their pleasure (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-801 through 2-806).

SPENDING AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

Senate Chairperson: Laurence Levitan

House Chairperson: R. Charles Avara

Senate members: Raymond E. Beck; Clarence W. Blount; Leo E. Green; Catherine I. Riley.

House members: John S. Arnick; Tyras S. Athey; John W. Douglass; Daniel M. Long; Charles J. Ryan; Ellen R. Sauerbrey.

Ex officio: Francis X. Kelly, *designee of President of the Senate*; R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., *Speaker of the House of Delegates*.

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Established in 1982, the Spending Affordability Committee studies and reviews the status and projections of State revenues and expenditures and the status and projections of the Maryland economy (Chapter 585, Acts of 1982). The Committee's purpose is to limit the rate of growth of State spending to a level that does not exceed the rate of growth of the State's economy.

By November 1 of each year, the Spending Affordability Committee submits a report to the Legislative Policy Committee and the Governor

with recommendations for the fiscal goals of the budget to be considered at the next General Assembly session. The report includes recommended levels of State spending, new debt authorization, and State personnel, and provides recommendations for the use of any anticipated surplus, as well as other findings or recommendations.

The Committee consists of the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Delegates, the chairpersons of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House or their designees, and an equal number of other senators and delegates as the president and speaker may designate (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-1001 through 2-1009).

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

The Legislative Policy Committee periodically establishes special joint committees and task forces for particular purposes. These special committees and task forces function during the interim between sessions of the General Assembly. Each is reviewed annually at the end of the legislative session by the Legislative Policy Committee, which decides whether the committee or task force shall continue its work or cease to function. Staff for special joint committees and task forces is provided by the Department of Fiscal Services and the Department of Legislative Reference. A committees membership list is published each summer and is available on request.

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1985 Interim Special Joint Committees and Task Forces: Maryland Legislative Information System (MLIS) Steering Committee; Special Joint Committee on Pensions; Special Joint Committee on Ports; Special Joint Committee to Review the Impact of the Federal Budget and Tax Decisions; Southern Maryland Agriculture Commission; Task Force to Study Tax Incentives for Woodland Preservation.

1986 Interim Special Joint Committees and Task Forces: Joint Task Force on Catastrophic Liability Insurance Fund and Maryland Insurance Exchange; Special Joint Oversight Committee on