
ORIGIN & FUNCTIONS

The Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning was established in 1969 (Chapter 78, Acts of 1969). Its origins, however, date back to 1916, when, by constitutional amendment, Maryland became the first state to adopt the executive budget system (Chapter 159, Acts of 1916, ratified Nov. 7, 1916). Under this system, primary responsibility for the budget of State government is assigned to the Governor. During the nineteenth century, government agencies, private institutions, and citizens all submitted requests for appropriations directly to the General Assembly, a piecemeal approach which made fiscal planning difficult. No government agency coordinated the review of government revenues and expenditures to assure a balanced State budget. In 1900, the Board of State Aid and Charities was formed to examine certain requests for appropriations and make recommendations to the General Assembly. By 1902, the office of State Auditor was authorized to review expenditures of several State agencies. Yet, not until the executive budget system of 1916 was accountability for the whole State budget assigned to one office.

Under the executive budget system, the Governor is required to analyze the needs of State agencies and balance expenditures against anticipated revenues. To assist the Governor in preparing the budget and to consolidate State purchasing and budgetary functions, the Department of Budget and Procurement was formed in 1939, absorbing the Central Purchasing Bureau created in 1920 (Chapter 184, Acts of 1920; Chapter 64, Acts of 1939). The Department of Budget and Procurement was reorganized as the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning in 1969 (Chapter 78, Acts of 1969). The Purchasing Bureau, formerly under the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, was transferred to the Department of General Services in 1970 (Chapter 97, Acts of 1970).

The major responsibilities of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning concern the budget of State government. They include budget development, supervision of budget execution, revenue estimating, and coordination of State information processing. The Department ensures that current fiscal needs are met, strives for efficiency in State government, and through evaluation and study of economic conditions, makes plans to meet future needs.

The General Administration Program of the Board of Public Works was assigned to the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning by Executive Order in September 1981. The Office of Capital Budgeting of the Department of Planning was transferred to the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning in 1989 and renamed in 1990 as the Division of Capital Budgeting. In April 1992, the Annapolis offices of the Department were moved from the Goldstein Treasury Building to the Attman-Glazer Building at 45 Calvert St.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent, the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning has executive jurisdiction over the Department and appoints all division chiefs. The Secretary serves as principal adviser to the Governor in fiscal matters and is a member of the Governor's Executive Council; the Governor's Subcabinet for Energy Management; the Governor's Subcabinet for Children, Youth, and Families; the Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy; and the Governor's Commission on Growth in the Chesapeake Region. The Secretary also serves on the Board of Revenue Estimates; the Procurement Advisory Council; the Pricing and Selection Committee for Rehabilitation and Employment Programs; the Capital Debt Affordability Committee; the Commission on Correctional Standards; the State Use Industries Advisory Committee; the Asbestos Oversight Committee;

the Task Force on Chesapeake Bay Ferries; the Peabody Institute Oversight Committee; and the Board of Trustees for Maryland State Retirement and Pension Systems.

The Secretary chairs the Interdepartmental Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits and serves on the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee for Minority Affairs. The Secretary also prepares the Department's portion of the agenda for Board of Public Works meetings (Code State Finance and Procurement Article, secs. 3-201 through 3-206).

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In 1993, first the Governor and then the General Assembly established the position of Chief of Information Technology to develop policies, procedures, and standards for statewide information technology (Executive Order 01.01.1993.06; Chapter 120, Acts of 1993). To assure Maryland's preeminence in information technology, the Chief prepares and updates a statewide Master Plan of Information Technology. Appointed by the Gover-