

(c) To keep itself informed concerning the activities of the State Planning Office, DEPARTMENT, and to request special reports concerning its current operations;

(d) To consider the needs of the state for further development from the points of view of the several economic and social interests of the people of the state, so that the state development plan may constitute a balanced program to meet the needs of the state as a whole;

(e) To request information of the Director of State Planning concerning current problems which the board deems of public interest;

(f) To receive, approve, disapprove, or resubmit to the Director of State Planning, recommendations concerning the establishment of regional or metropolitan planning areas, and to hold hearings thereon, ~~all in accordance with the provisions of Section 10;~~

(g) To act in a general advisory capacity to the Director of State Planning, and, whenever requested by him to do so, or whenever in its judgment it seems wise to do so, to make recommendations concerning the operation of the ~~state planning office;~~ STATE PLANNING DEPARTMENT;

(h) To study and report from time to time upon the effectiveness of planning in the State, to evaluate the effectiveness of this Article, and to urge its revision or amendment whenever necessary to assure the maximum effectiveness of planning activities covered herein;

(i) To advise and assist the Director of State Planning in fostering public awareness and understanding of the objectives and functions of state and local planning, and in stimulating public participation and interest in the orderly, integrated development of the state;

(j) To hold public or private hearings and to sponsor public forums in any part of the State whenever it deems it necessary or useful in the execution of its other functions.

#### 8. State development plan; filing; distribution

Upon the preparation of the state development plan or of any substantial phase or part thereof, or upon the preparation of an amendment or revision of the plan or of any part thereof, or upon the preparation of any extension of or addition to the state development plan, the Director of State Planning shall first submit the plan, phase or functional part, amendment, revision or extension thereof or addition thereto to the State Planning Commission for its consideration and advice. Thereafter, the Director shall submit the same to the Governor, who may file it, together with his comments, in the office of the Secretary of State. Upon filing it, the Governor shall transmit copies thereof, together with copies of his comments, to the heads of all departments and agencies of state government and to the General Assembly. If the Governor files such plan or part of a plan, the State Planning Department shall make copies thereof OF THE MATERIAL SO FILED available for general distribution or sale.

#### 9. Preparation of capital program; assistance in preparation of annual capital budget