

8. The Department of Human Resources shall provide staff assistance to the Commission as provided for in the State budget.

9. (a) The Commission shall:

(1) Serve as the advisory body to the Governor, the General Assembly, and agencies within the Executive Department on matters relating to the Hispanic population of Maryland.

(2) Work with the Hispanic population of Maryland, community leaders, private groups, and agencies of State and local government for the purpose of serving and representing the Hispanic population of Maryland.

(3) Promote the coordination of and, to the degree feasible, participate in the evaluation of programs and services that the State, federal government and private agencies provide and affect the Hispanic population of Maryland.

(4) Cooperate with federal, State, and local government agencies and private groups concerning matters that affect the Hispanic population of Maryland.

(5) Review and comment on any proposed federal, State, or local legislation, regulations, policies, or programs that affect the Hispanic population of Maryland.

(6) Generally comment and make appropriate recommendations on matters affecting the health, safety and welfare of the Hispanic population of Maryland.

(b) The Commission shall prepare and submit to the Governor and the Secretary of Human Resources an annual report concerning its activities with any appropriate recommendations concerning the Hispanic population of Maryland.

10. The Commission is entitled to the full cooperation to the extent feasible of all State departments and agencies. In this regard, State departments and agencies shall furnish information and such other assistance as may be necessary and available to further the purposes of this Order.