

(H) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE, THE COMMISSION MAY UTILIZE PERSONNEL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE WITH DUE REGARD FOR THE DICTATES OF PRACTICALITY.

(I) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, THE COMMISSION MAY UTILIZE PERSONNEL FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WITH DUE REGARD TO THE DICTATES OF PRACTICALITY.

9-1806.

(A) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO RESTRICT THE BUDGETARY POWER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN \$600,000 IN THE FISCAL YEAR 1996 BUDGET AS AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMMISSION.

(C) (1) IN AND AFTER FISCAL YEAR 1997, THE COMMISSION SHALL PREPARE A BUDGET FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR WITH DUE REGARD TO THE DICTATES OF PRACTICALITY AND THE FISCAL CONDITION OF THE STATE.

(2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMMISSION IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET SUFFICIENT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION.

(D) THE COMMISSION IS SUBJECT TO AN AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 2-1212 THROUGH 2-1222 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

9-1807.

THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) FOR PURPOSES OF REALIZING COST EFFICIENCY, IDENTIFY PROGRAMS AND SUBUNITS WITHIN GOVERNMENTAL UNITS THAT COULD BE REORGANIZED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF MERGING, MODIFYING, OR ELIMINATING, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A CONCOMITANT REDUCTION OR SHIFTING OF PERSONNEL;

(2) TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURES WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE QUALITY OF SERVICE DELIVERY OR THREATENING THE HEALTH, WELFARE, AND WELL-BEING OF THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE, ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSALS FOR THE PRIVATIZATION OF SELECTED PUBLIC SERVICES AND DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC SERVICES COULD BE COMPETITIVELY BID WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR;

(3) ASSESS THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF EXISTING STATE MANDATES IMPOSED ON GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AND OF PROPOSALS FOR HELPING TO MITIGATE THE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE MANDATES;