

Executive Director

DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates Honorable Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to present you with *The 90 Day Report - A Review of Legislation in the 2003 Session.*

This year *The 90 Day Report* consists of a single volume. *The Report* is divided into 13 parts, each dealing with a major policy area. Each part contains a discussion of the majority of bills passed in that policy area, including comparisons with previous sessions and current law, background information, and a discussion of significant bills that did not pass. Information relating to the Operating Budget, Capital Budget, and aid to local governments is found in Part A. For the first time this year, in place of Volume II, the Department will issue the *Synopsis of Passed Bills*. The *Synopsis* will be organized in the same manner as *The 90 Day Report*, will include a short synopsis of the purpose of each passed bill, and will be issued the week after *The 90 Day Report* is mailed.

As was the case in previous years, *The 90 Day Report* is being provided to you in loose-leaf format to facilitate copying and use. Because this is the first year of a new term, and because of the change in format, new binders are being provided for use during this legislative term. Should you also wish to have a bound version of *The Report*, please contact my office.

I hope that you will find *The 90 Day Report* as helpful this year as you have in the past. Further, the Department of Legislative Services will make available the *Fact Book* and *Citizen's Tax Guide* shortly. *The Effects of the 2003 Legislative Program on the Financial Condition of the State* will be issued after the Governor has taken final action on all bills.

Sincerely,

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