

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

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The State Department of Legislative Reference was originally created by Chapter 565, Acts of 1906 to serve the City of Baltimore. The scope of the Department was enlarged so that it would also serve the State by Chapter 474, Acts of 1916. By Chapter 453, Acts of 1965, the State's portion of the Department was transferred to the Legislative Branch. The present Department dates its present organization from Chapter 571, Acts of 1966, which separated this Department of the State government from the Department of the same name in Baltimore City.

The Department collects, compiles, and indexes information on all questions of proposed legislation. It investigates and reports on the laws of Maryland and other states at the request of the Governor, any committee or member of the General Assembly, or any State agency. At the request of a member of the General Assembly, the Department prepares or aids in the drafting of any law or resolution. During sessions of the General Assembly, the Department maintains offices in the State House at Annapolis. Each department of the State government must transmit to the Department of Legislative Reference at least two copies of each of its reports, which are used for exchange and reference purposes. The Department keeps a complete index and a complete file on all bills introduced in the General Assembly from 1918 to the present. It also keeps copies of the codes and laws of other states, and it maintains a library of books, pamphlets, reports, periodicals, and clippings on matters of current public and political interest (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., 1968 Supp., Art. 40, secs. 48-53).

Appropriations	1969	1970
General Funds .....	\$123,449	\$130,252
Staff: 7.		

## DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES

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The Department of Fiscal Services was established by Chapter 456, Acts of 1968, succeeding the Fiscal Research Bureau created by Chapter 605, Acts of 1947. It is the financial service arm of the General Assembly and operates under the direct supervision of a standing committee of that body, the Joint Budget and Audit Committee. The Department provides staff services to any commissions or committees that the General Assembly or the Legislative Council may appoint to study taxation or related questions.

The Department's duties also include the study and review of the State budget during all stages of its proposal and consideration, including a report to the General Assembly; the preparation of estimates of the fiscal implications of proposed bills; the study of the operation, administration, personnel, and physical plant of all State