

rized for the next ensuing fiscal year. In making this estimate the Committee considers: 1) the amount of general obligation debt that will be issued and outstanding during that next fiscal year; 2) the amount of general obligation debt that will be authorized but unissued during such fiscal year; 3) the capital program plan for the ensuing five fiscal years prepared by the Department of State Planning; 4) projections of school construction and capital improvement needs for the ensuing five fiscal years prepared by the Interagency Committee on School Construction; 5) projections of debt service requirements for the ensuing ten fiscal years; 6) other factors relevant to the ability of the State to meet its projected debt service requirements for the ensuing five years; 7) criteria established or used by recognized bond rating agencies in judging the quality of State bond issues; 8) other factors relevant to the marketability of State bonds; and 9) the effect of additional debt authorizations on each of the factors enumerated above.

The Committee's estimate is advisory and is not binding upon the Governor, the Board of Public Works, or the General Assembly (Code 1957, Art. 31, sec. 25 et seq.).

OFFICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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The Office for Children and Youth was created by Chapter 426, Acts of 1978. The basic purpose of the Office is to examine programs, services, and plans for children and youth. The accomplishment of these purposes precludes operation of programs and services. Rather, the Office assists operating agencies, local governments, and organizations in carrying out their functions efficiently, economically, and effectively and helps families and the general public learn about programs, services, and plans for children and youth.

The Office consists of a Director, twenty-four local Children's Councils, and the State Advisory Committee for Children and Youth. Within the Office is the Governor's Youth Advisory Council, formerly associated with the Governor's Commission on Children and Youth of the Department of Human Resources. The Office also includes the Maryland Children's Programs Awards Committee.

The Director for Children and Youth is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor and is directly responsible to him. Among other duties, the Director examines pro-

grams, services, and plans for children from birth through age eighteen to identify duplications and gaps in service delivery, program resources, inefficiencies, and unmet needs. In regard to children's programs and services, the Director secures and analyzes Departmental plans and budget requests, reviews Federal funds used by and available to the State, collates relevant Governor's Budget items, issues impact statements, and makes recommendations to the Governor and appropriate Department heads on planning and expenditures. The Director serves as liaison with Departments and local governments to coordinate services and make the best use of existing resources for efficient, systematic delivery of services. With representative local Children's Councils and other child advocacy groups, including parents, the Director receives advice on resources, needs, and priorities in different localities. In addition, the Director provides public information on children's services in the State, advises the legislature on the needs of children and their families, and prepares an annual report to the Governor and the public.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Chairperson: Sally J. Michael, 1984

M. Estelle Baker, 1983; Lorraine Claggett, 1983; Evelyn Hill, 1983; Therese Lansburgh, 1983; Harvey E. Martini, Jr., 1983; Joan Pitkin, 1983; Ted Ressler, 1983; Deborah Taylor, 1983; Doris Welcher, 1983; Ann T. Wicke, 1983; Joyce Beall, 1984; Rosie A. Cobb, 1984; Lynn Rees Finn, 1984; Rev. Frederick J. Hanna, 1984; Carole Anne Hickman, 1984; Neva Hutt, 1984; Charles I. Shubin, M.D., 1984; Vicki Stoner, 1984; Judith Bender, 1985; Judith R. Chambers, 1985; Richard Gamble, 1985; Michael M. Gimbel, 1985; Robert L. Hill, 1985; Madeline Moore, 1985; Sue Ottmar, 1985; Anne Marie Pedersen, 1985; Miriam Susan Raff, 1985; Gail Griffith-Rand, 1985; Lila Trachtenberg, 1985; Steve G. Tyler, 1985.

The Advisory Committee biennially reviews the operation of the Office to identify issues and priorities, and reports its findings to the Director. Appointed by the Governor, the Committee consists of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Secretary of Human Resources, and the State Superintendent of Education or their designees; one representative from each of the twenty-four local Children's Councils, and twelve appointed members. Members serve three-year terms.

Local Children's Councils exist in each county and in Baltimore City. Within their jurisdictions,