

and five members appointed by the Governor to four-year terms (Code State Government Article, secs. 9-401 through 9-408).

### **CAPITAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE**

*Chairperson:* William S. James, *State Treasurer*

Louis L. Goldstein, *Comptroller of the Treasury*;  
H. Louis Stettler III, *Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning*; Constance Lieder, *Secretary of State Planning*; Paul B. Meritt.

P. O. Box 666  
Annapolis 21404 Telephone: 269-3533

The Capital Debt Affordability Committee was created by Chapter 43, Acts of 1978. It consists of several ex officio members and one person appointed by the Governor. The State Treasurer by law is designated chairperson.

The Committee reviews the size and condition of the State debt on a continuing basis. On or before August 1 of each year it prepares and submits to the Governor and the General Assembly its estimate of the maximum amount of new general obligation debt that prudently may be authorized 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**

John E. Kyle, *Director*

301 W. Preston St., Suite 1502  
Baltimore 21201 Telephone: 383-2290

The Office for Children and Youth was created by Chapter 426, Acts of 1978. The Office assists operating agencies, local governments, and organizations in carrying out their functions relating to children and youth efficiently, economically, and effectively and helps families and the general public learn about such programs and services.

The Office consists of a Director, twenty-four local Children's Councils, the State Advisory Committee for Children and Youth, the Governor's Youth Advisory Council, and 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 evaluates public and private programs, services, and plans for children from birth through age eighteen to identify duplications and gaps in service delivery, program resources, inefficiencies, and unmet needs. For children's programs and services, the Director secures and analyzes departmental plans and budget requests; reviews federal, State, local and private funds used by and available to the State; identifies and collates relevant Governor's Budget items; issues impact statements; and makes recommendations to the Governor by Sept. 15 of each year and to appropriate department heads on planning and expenditures. The Director maintains liaison with departments and local governments to coordinate services and make the best use of existing resources for efficient, systematic delivery of services. The Director also implements the priorities identified by the Advisory Committee. 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.

An Office brochure, newsletter subscription, position papers, and periodic updates on State legislation are available upon request.