
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Independent agencies are those offices, commissions, boards, departments, and other agencies of State government established by statute as independent units of government. Generally, the law creating an independent agency originates with the Maryland General Assembly, but occasionally an agency is formed pursuant to a mandate of the U.S. Congress. While statutorily distinct from principal departments of State government, independent agencies may receive budgetary or administrative support from them.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND

Chairperson: Paul E. Gaeng, 1991

Appointed by Governor: Margaret A. Barnes, 1989; Paul T. O'Malley, 1990; John Howard Burbage, 1992; William E. Claridge, 1993; Joseph M. Coale III, 1993; Richard K. Coggins, 1993.

Donald W. Potter, *Superintendent*

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Budget (Code 26.07.00)
 FY1989 Total Budget.....\$12,740,081
 FY1989 Total Authorized Positions..... 216.5

Annual Report to Governor due within 90 days after close of fiscal year.

Annual or Biennial Audits by Legislative Auditor.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Donald W. Potter 832-1701

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Staton W. Johnson 832-1702

FISCAL POLICY DEPARTMENT

Paul M. Rose, Director 832-1771

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY DEPARTMENT

William J. Smearman 832-1748

DATA CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Edward J. Lewandowski, Director
 832-1805

AUDITING DEPARTMENT

Ray Strim, Director 832-1733

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Edward P. Moylan, Director 832-1998

UNDERWRITING DEPARTMENT

Mark Marszal, Director..... 832-1715

RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Robert E. Constante, Director... 832-1711

The State Accident Fund was established as part of the State Industrial Accident Commission in 1914 (Chapter 800, Acts of 1914). It was made a separate agency in 1941 (Chapter 504, Acts of 1941). Formerly under the Department of Personnel, the Commissioners of the State Accident Fund became an independent State agency on July 1, 1988 (Chapter 585, Acts of 1987).

The State Accident Fund insures those employees who are unable or choose not to obtain insurance from private companies, and who are not self-insurers. The Fund also acts as claims administrator for all State employees for Worker's Compensation Insurance.

As required by the Workmen's Compensation Law, employers carry insurance through the Fund to pay claims arising from accidents and injuries to their employees. All expenses of the Fund are paid out of income from premiums paid and interest on Fund investments. The State Treasury is prepaid for operating expenses of the Fund.

The Fund is directed by seven commissioners. They are appointed to five-year terms by the Governor (Code 1957, Art. 101, secs. 70-84).

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY

Chairperson: Alvin L. Blank

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair): Barbara L. Bagli; Anna Ruth Coley; Howard A. Denis; David R. Pile; Richard Rowe; Margaret E. Shultz; Rosalie F. Strett; Vivian I. Washington; Doris W. Welcher; Kathleen Wise; *two vacancies.*

Ex officio: Ruth Massinga, *Secretary of Human Resources*; Adele Wilzack, *Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene*; J. Randall Evans, *Secretary of Economic & Employment Development*; Charles L. Benton, Jr., *Secretary of Budget & Fiscal Planning*; Joseph L. Shilling, *State Superintendent of Schools*; Dorothy V. Harris, *Director, Office for Children & Youth.*