

well as minimum standards for hospital patient utilization review programs. The Committee also may consider and review issues relating to the State Health Resources Planning Commission, the State Health Services Cost Review Commission, the certificate of need process, the State Health Plan, studies on the availability of health care cost services, and other issues relating to health care cost containment.

The Committee is comprised of five senators appointed by the Senate President, and five delegates appointed by the House Speaker. Authorization for the Committee continues until June 1, 1990.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Senate Chairperson: Julian L. Lapides

House Chairperson: Joel Chasnoff

Senate members: Michael J. Collins; Howard A. Denis; Bernie Fowler; Gerald W. Winegrad.

House members: John C. Astle; Peter G. Callas; Louis L. DePazzo; Donald F. Munson.

Ex officio: Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., *President of the Senate*; Joseph F. Vallario, Jr., *designee of Speaker of the House of Delegates*.

Staff: Alan F. Deanehan 841-3870

The Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics was established in 1972 (Chapter 5, Acts of 1972). The Committee renders advisory opinions and promulgates rules of legislative ethics with respect to conflicts of interest governing members of the General Assembly. These rules are effective on a year-round basis.

The Committee consists of twelve members, six from the Senate and six from the House of Delegates. The Senate President and House Speaker serve *ex officio*. They appoint the remaining members and chairpersons. At least one member of the Senate and one of the House are chosen from the party of the Minority Leader (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-701 through 2-707).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Senate Chairperson: Leo E. Green

House Chairperson: Gary R. Alexander

Senate members: Clarence W. Blount; Thomas L. Bromwell; Laurence Levitan.

House members: Richard N. Dixon; Nancy K. Kopp; Eileen M. Rehrmann.

Staff: Joel D. Lehman 841-3710

The Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds was created in 1973 (Chapter 635, Acts of 1973). The Committee reviews policies and procedures of the State Treasurer regarding the investment and management of State funds in the Treasury, State funds not in the Treasury (excluding retirement system funds), and public funds invested and managed by local government. It reports annually to the General Assembly.

The Committee consists of eight members, four from the Senate and four from the House of Delegates, appointed by the President and the Speaker. The chairperson and vice-chairperson are designated by the President and Speaker jointly and serve at their pleasure (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-801 through 2-806).

SPENDING AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

Senate Chairperson: Laurence Levitan

House Chairperson: R. Charles Avara

Senate members: Raymond E. Beck; Clarence W. Blount; Leo E. Green; Francis X. Kelly; Thomas Patrick O'Reilly; Catherine I. Riley; James C. Simpson.

House members: John S. Arnick; Tyras S. Athey; Daniel M. Long; James C. Rosapepe; Samuel I. Rosenberg; Charles J. Ryan; Ellen R. Sauerbrey.

Ex officio: Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., *President of the Senate*; R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., *Speaker of the House of Delegates*.

Citizen advisory members: John C. Miller; Douglas Cater; H. Furlong Baldwin; Edward LaMon.

Staff: John S. Donaldson 841-3736

Established in 1982, the Spending Affordability Committee studies and reviews the status and projections of State revenues and expenditures and the status and projections of the Maryland economy (Chapter 585, Acts of 1982). The Committee's purpose is to limit the rate of growth of State spending to a level that does not exceed the rate of growth of the State's economy.

By December 1 each year, the Spending Affordability Committee submits a report to the Legislative Policy Committee and the Governor with recommendations for the fiscal goals of the budget to be considered at the next General Assembly session. The report includes recommended levels of State spending, new debt authorization, and State personnel, and provides recommendations for the use of any anticipated surplus, as well as other findings or recommendations.

The Committee consists of the Senate President and House Speaker; chairpersons of the Senate