

**LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES**

The General Assembly is served by three legislative agencies. They are the Department of Legislative Reference, the Department of Fiscal Services, and the Office of Legislative Data Processing.

**DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE**

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**BUDGET (CODE 21.02.00.01)**

Funds	FY1992 (actual)	FY1993 (actual)	FY1994 (approp.)
General	\$6,834,050	\$6,256,975	\$5,413,047
Total Funds	\$6,834,050	\$6,256,975	\$5,413,047
<b>Staff</b>			
Authorized	111.5	108	108
Contractual (FTE)			
Total Staff			

**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

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Special Services to Legislative Session (21.02.00.02)  
FY1994 appropriation..... \$846,543

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The Department of Legislative Reference, as one of the two principal staffing agencies of the General Assembly, serves the legislature and its committees and provides information to the public about the General Assembly.

Originally created in 1906 to serve the Baltimore City Council, the Department also began assisting the General Assembly of Maryland in 1916 (Chapter 565, Acts of 1906; Chapter 474, Acts of 1916). The State's portion of the Department was transferred in 1965 to the Legislative Branch (Chapter 453, Acts of 1965). In 1966, the Department severed any affiliation with the City of Baltimore and established permanent offices in Annapolis (Chapter 571, Acts of 1966).

Historically, the principal functions of the Department have been to research and draft legislation for members of the General Assembly and to serve as a source for legislative bills, enactments, journals, documents, records, and the codifications of State and local laws.

The Department provides professional legal and research staff support to legislative committees, subcommittees, task forces, and commissions; provides ongoing statutory revision services for the General Assembly; and conducts legal and legislative research and offers specialized information services to the General Assembly and its committees. The Department also reviews and analyzes regulations proposed by Executive Branch agencies; provides legislative and general library resource materials and information services to the General Assembly and the public; and provides computerized services for legislative purposes, including the preparation of bills, laws, journals, and other documents, as well as automated searches of the law for information and research.