Research analysts are trained in social sciences disciplines and participate in a nationwide information network of universities, governments, private laboratories, research centers, and professional organizations. Division analysts also staff special legislative committees, joint task forces, commissions, and the standing committees on specialized issues. Their support complements the legal counsel provided by the Legislative Division.

Although the Research Division primarily responds to questions raised by legislators, research analysts also initiate independent research on topical issues of potential interest to legislators. This research is published in the *Legislative Report Series* and *Research Notes* and may be found in the Department's Library.

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The Commission was abolished in 1995 (Chapter 90, Acts of 1995).

#### ETHICS LAW CODE REVISION COMMITTEE Donald B. Robertson, *Chair*

The General Assembly adopted the Ethics Law Article, recommended by the Committee, in 1995 (Chapters 533 and 539, Acts of 1995).

#### JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

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The Joint Committee on State Economic Development Initiatives was organized by the Legislative Policy Committee in 1995.

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The Joint Legislative Work Group on Community College Financing was established by the Legislative Policy Committee in 1994. The Work Group evaluated and considered changes to Maryland's formula for aid to community colleges, including Baltimore City Community College. In June 1995, the Legislative Policy Committee discontinued the Work Group.

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In December 1993, the Committee submitted its final report.

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Created by the Legislative Policy Committee in 1994, this committee submitted its report in December 1994.

#### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON ARTICLE 2B

The Subcommittee was not continued in 1995.

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