

CHAPTER 596.

(Senate Bill 4)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 88C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Planning Commission", said new section to be known as Section 5A and to follow immediately after Section 5 of said Article, relating to certain research work being conducted or undertaken by the several State departments, officials and agencies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 88C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Planning Commission", said new section to be known as Section 5A, to follow immediately after Section 5 of said Article, and to read as follows:

5A. The State Planning Commission is hereby authorized, for the information of the several departments and officials of the State and the public, to compile and make available, at such time or times as it may deem desirable, a list or inventory of current research being conducted by the several State departments, institutions, officials or agencies on questions or subjects affecting or relating to the work or activities of any department or agency of the State. It shall be the duty of every State department, institution, official or agency which is conducting, or under whose supervision or control is being conducted, any research work as above prescribed, to report to the State Planning Commission as to such research work, the nature and purpose of the study and anticipated date of its completion and probable publication. Provided, however, that whenever such department, institution, official or agency is conducting research on matters which, if disclosed or made public, would be against public interest or tend to impede or obstruct such research, then, with the permission of the State Planning Commission the department, institution, official or agency may be excused from reporting on such matters. In the event of dispute between the State Planning Commission and any department, institution, official or agency as to whether or not any subject of research should be so reported, the matter shall be referred to the Governor whose decision shall be final.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

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