

lative Council funds and according to the amounts currently established for the Legislative Council and its committees, for each day spent in attendance at meetings of the Committee or of subcommittees.

56.

The Joint Budget and Audit Committee shall give detailed and systematic attention and study to all the functions of budget analysis and review, capital budget study, fiscal policy, fiscal research, legislative post-audit, departmental operation and efficiency within the State government, and any other problems, matters, or procedures covered by or related to the provisions of this subtitle and the several officers and employees engaged thereunder. The Committee shall meet and organize promptly after appointment, and thereafter it shall meet as often as necessary in its judgment to discharge its duties and accomplish its functions with celerity and efficiency. The Committee shall report annually to the members of the General Assembly, together with any recommendations it may have for action or consideration by members of the General Assembly; and this report or any portion thereof may be separately made to the Legislative Council.

Department of Fiscal Services

57.

The Department of Fiscal Services is created, with the powers, duties, functions, and officers and employees provided in this subtitle.

58.

(a) The Director of the Department of Fiscal Services is the executive head of the Department. He shall have general administrative control over the operations and functions of the Department and its several divisions, subject to the policies and directives of the Joint Budget and Audit Committee.

(b) The Director shall be appointed jointly by the President and the Speaker, from a nominee or nominees proposed to them by the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference. The President and the Speaker may reject any proposed list and call for another.

(c) The Director shall hold office indefinitely. He may be removed by the President and Speaker, upon charges brought by them and upon proof of inefficiency, neglect of duty, misconduct in office, or other cause. Before the Director is removed from office he shall be given a copy of the charges made against him and an opportunity of being heard publicly in person or by counsel in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice.

59.

(a) The Division of Budget Review, the Division of Fiscal Research, and the Division of Audits are created within the Department of Fiscal Services, with the respective duties, powers, functions, and employees provided in this subtitle.

(b) The Legislative Analyst, the Chief of Fiscal Research, and the Legislative Auditor are respectively the executive heads of the