

General Assembly to the presiding officer of each house on the first day of session.

231-I.

In purchasing materials, supplies and equipment for the using authorities, the Secretary of General Services shall give a preference to products manufactured or produced in Maryland, except when in the judgment of the Secretary such purchases would operate to the disadvantage of the State.

231J.

The Secretary of General Services shall prepare such reports and make such studies and perform such other duties as the Governor may direct, and shall furnish to the using authorities copies of awards for any and all materials, supplies and equipment requisitioned by them.

231K.

The Secretary of General Services shall formulate and prescribe standards for maintaining stores and inventory control for all materials, supplies and equipment required by the using authorities of the State, and each using authority shall keep on file in the office of the Secretary of General Services an inventory of all the materials, supplies and equipment in its possession as shall be designated by the Secretary, and such inventory shall be submitted at least once annually and shall be subject to an audit.

231L.

*A department, board, commission, office, court, bureau, or other agency of the State government which receives more than one half of its regular annual operating expenses from a political subdivision of this State is not a "using authority" within the meaning of Sections 231F through 231K of this Article, and the Department of General Services and the Purchasing Bureau are not required to make any purchases for or take any part in the purchasing program of any such department, board, commission, office, court, bureau, or other agency. As to any such department, board, commission, office, court, bureau, or other agency, the political subdivision from which it receives more than one half of its regular annual operating expenses shall **HEREAFTER** have the responsibility for ~~operating~~ the purchasing program **AND ALL OTHER BUDGET AND FISCAL MATTERS**, and any such department, board, commission, office, bureau or other agency shall be subject to the **BUDGET AND FISCAL PROCEDURES AND THE** purchasing laws and regulations of such political subdivision ~~and shall in like manner be subject to the budget and fiscal procedures of such political subdivision~~ **NOW OR HEREAFTER IN EFFECT.***

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 of Article 15A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1968 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Budget and Fiscal Planning," subtitles "Purchasing Bureau" and "Purchases," be and they are hereby repealed in their entirety, and that Sections 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 of Article 91 of the*