

*by institutions under this subtitle, the Commission shall have the authority to make any necessary further examination of the institution's records and accounts as the Commission may by regulation provide. Such further examinations under this section may include, but are not limited to, requiring a full or partial audit of all such records and account.*

*b. In carrying out the duties prescribed by this subsection, the Commission may utilize its own staff or may contract with any appropriate, independent, qualified third party.*

*No such contractor shall release or publish or otherwise use any information made available to it under its contractual responsibility unless such permission is specifically granted by the Commission.*

568R.

*From time to time, the Commission shall engage in or carry out analysis and studies relating to health care costs, the financial status of any institution subject to the provisions of this subtitle, or any other appropriate related matters, and it shall be empowered to publish and disseminate any information relating to the financial aspects of health care as it deems desirable in the public interest, and in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle. It shall further require the filing of information concerning the total financial needs of each institution and the resources available or expected to become available to meet such needs; including, but not limited to, the effect of proposals made by comprehensive areawide and state HEALTH planning agencies.*

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*⊕ In addition to its other responsibilities under the provisions of this subtitle, the Commission shall be charged with the duty of preparing and filing such summaries, compilations, or other supplementary reports based on the information filed with the Commission hereunder as will advance the purposes of this subtitle. All such summaries, compilations and reports shall be open to public inspection and shall be made available to requesting agencies and shall be prepared within a reasonable time following the end of each institution's fiscal year or more frequently as specified by the Commission.*

568T.

*On or before the first day of October, 1972, and every year thereafter, the Commission shall prepare and transmit to the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and each member of the General Assembly a report of Commission operations and activities for the preceding fiscal year. This report shall include copies of all summaries, compilations and supplementary reports required by this subtitle together with such facts, suggestions and policy recommendations as the Commission deems necessary.*

568U.

*From and after July 1, 1974, the Commission shall have the power to initiate such reviews or investigations as may be necessary to assure all purchasers of health care institutional services that the total costs of the institution are reasonably related to the total*