

Planning] is requested to render financial assistance to a regional, metropolitan, county, municipal or other local planning agency, the Secretary [of State Planning] shall first consider the adequacy and competency of the particular agency. All local governments, instrumentalities or planning agencies receiving financial or other planning assistance from the State shall at the request of Secretary [of State Planning] submit copies of their planning budgets for planning purposes to him. He may also require an annual audit of their financial operations related to planning by the State auditor, or by auditors or accountants legally qualified to perform municipal audits. When a local government, instrumentality or planning agency receives financial or other planning assistance from a federal agency, the Secretary [of State Planning] may accept such federal agency's audit.

[9.] 11. Reports of Department of State Planning.

(a) Annual report. —The Department [of State Planning] shall submit an annual report to the Governor sixty days before the General Assembly convenes for a regular session. The annual report shall contain summaries of those sections of the [State development] plan which have been amended, revised, added or deleted during the year which have previously been [filed] SUBMITTED by the Governor in accordance with § [5] 7, and the nature of all such amendments, revisions, additions and deletions shall be clearly indicated. The annual report shall also contain summaries of important studies partially or entirely completed by the Department [of State Planning] and summaries of the work of the Department and of the [State Planning] Commission.

(b) Special reports. —The Department [of State Planning] shall also submit special reports upon the request of the Governor or the General Assembly, or of the Legislative Council, or at the discretion of the Secretary, on those aspects of the Department's work which may be deemed of current interest. Special reports on major research and planning projects, as distinguished from mere compilations of current data, shall be made available as soon as practicable after completion.

(c) Distribution. —The Department [of State Planning] shall distribute copies of its annual report to the members of the General Assembly, to the heads of all State departments and all local, regional and metropolitan planning agencies in the State, and upon request, to interested federal agencies. The special reports of the Department [of State Planning] shall be distributed in the same manner as the annual report