

ASSESS, AND EVALUATE ALL STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, INSOFAR AS THEY RELATE AND ARE IMPORTANT TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE STATE'S AGED, INCLUDING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN THE AREAS OF INCOME MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, RECREATION, AND REHABILITATION OF THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED;

(3) REVIEW AND FORMULATE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR ON PUBLICLY FUNDED PLANS AND PROGRAMS WHICH HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE AGED;

(4) CONSULT WITH AND ADVISE THE SECRETARIES OF THE PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR THE AGED, FOR WHICH THEY ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE;

(5) DEVELOP A STATEWIDE PLAN INCORPORATING LOCAL PLANS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED SYSTEM OF HEALTH, SOCIAL, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE AGED, INCLUDING HOUSING, INSTITUTIONAL, AND NON-INSTITUTIONAL CARE.

(6) COOPERATE WITH AND RECEIVE THE COOPERATION OF [[OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL UNITS]] STATE, FEDERAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AND AGENCIES IN EFFECTUATING THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE.

(7) CONSULT WITH THE COMMISSION ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO PROGRAMS.

(B) WITH THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING, THE DIRECTOR SHALL:

[[(1) ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §4 AND IN CONFORMANCE WITH TITLE 7 OF THE FEDERAL OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 AS AMENDED;]]

[[(2)]] (1) ACCEPT AND USE ANY STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE;

[[(3)]] (2) PREPARE AND SUBMIT A BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE ON AGING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORMAL BUDGET PROCEDURES; AND

[[(4)]] (3) SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, SETTING FORTH THE RESULTS OF ANY STUDIES AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, FOR LEGISLATION; AND

[[(5)]] (4) SUBJECT TO SECTION 2 OF THIS ACT, APPOINT A DEPUTY DIRECTOR ON AGING.