

The THERE IS A Division of Budget Review ~~is--created~~ within the Department of Fiscal Services. It shall give intensive study and review to the State budget, during all stages of its proposal and consideration; and the Division continuously shall analyze, evaluate, and test the budgetary requests and appropriations of the several departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, or other agencies which are included in or considered in relation to the budget. It shall engage in continuing study and research into the taxes, finances, and fiscal problems and matters which relate to or affect the budget. The Division shall give continuing study and analysis to financial policies of and grants from the federal government and other agencies, public and private, as they affect or concern budgetary matters of this State. It shall study and evaluate the programs and activities of each department, board, bureau, commission, or other agency of the State, in relation to its actual or proposed expenditures of public moneys. It shall (1) review in detail the matters to appear in the budget prior to the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly and be prepared to report [to the members of], ~~---SUBJECT--TO--§--51--OF--THIS--ARTICLE,--TO the General Assembly~~ ON each agency's justification for each item or program appearing in the budget; (2) call attention to proposed new services or functions appearing in the budget; (3) point out items in the budget which previously have been denied by the General Assembly; (4) conduct organizational and management improvement studies consistent with responsibilities assigned to the joint budget and audit committee; (5) propose statutory changes to effect operational economies or effective administration; (6) prepare, after each session of the General Assembly, a summary of the effect of the legislative program on the financial condition of the State; (7) study, in conjunction or by agreement with the Division of Fiscal Research, financial and other problems and matters of the State government; and (8) generally review and study all State problems and matters, whether or not of direct budgetary concern, which relate to the operation of the State government and its efficient and effective operation; (9) study, review, and shall analyze, evaluate, and test, the requests and proposals of all State agencies for inclusion in the capital expense budget and requests for capital improvements to be financed by the State; and (10) report on the public debt of the State of Maryland including the effect of additional debt authorizations and issues on State finances.

SECTION -3- 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 40 - General Assembly