

(IV) GRANTS FROM PERSONS AND PUBLIC AGENCIES;

(2) IN CONJUNCTION OR BY AGREEMENT WITH THE DIVISION OF FISCAL RESEARCH, CONDUCT STUDIES ON FINANCIAL AND OTHER MATTERS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT;

(3) FOR THE JOINT BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE, CONDUCT STUDIES ON ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT;

(4) GENERALLY STUDY ALL MATTERS THAT RELATE TO THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, WHETHER OR NOT THE MATTER IS A DIRECT BUDGETARY CONCERN; AND

(5) PROPOSE STATUTORY CHANGES TO EFFECT OPERATIONAL ECONOMY OR EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION.

(B) REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES.

THE DIVISION OF BUDGET REVIEW SHALL:

(1) BEFORE EACH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, REVIEW EACH ITEM IN THE PROPOSED STATE BUDGET SO AS TO BE ABLE TO REPORT ON THE JUSTIFICATION OF A UNIT FOR THAT ITEM;

(2) REVIEW THE PROPOSED STATE BUDGET AT EACH STAGE OF ITS CONSIDERATION;

(3) DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED STATE BUDGET, POINT OUT EACH OF ITS ITEMS THAT:

(I) PROVIDES FOR A NEW FUNCTION; OR

(II) HAS BEEN DISAPPROVED PREVIOUSLY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

(4) EVALUATE EACH PROPOSAL OF A UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOR AN APPROPRIATION, INCLUDING ANY PROPOSAL THAT:

(I) IS IN A PROPOSED STATE BUDGET;

(II) IS CONSIDERED WITH THE PROPOSED STATE BUDGET; OR

(III) INVOLVES STATE FINANCING OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT;

(5) EVALUATE THE ACTIVITIES OF EACH UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, AS THESE ACTIVITIES RELATE TO A PROPOSED OR ACTUAL EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY;

(6) REPORT ON THE PUBLIC DEBT OF THE STATE, INCLUDING THE EFFECT OF AN ADDITIONAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OR ISSUE ON STATE FINANCES; AND