

(7) AFTER EACH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SUMMARIZE THE EFFECT OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the second through sixth sentences of former Art. 40, § 60.

Throughout this section, former words such as "analyze", "research", and "test" and former lists such as "study, review, and ... analyze, evaluate, and test" are deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad directives to "conduct studies", "review", or "evaluate".

Similarly, the former references such as "intensive" and "in detail" are deleted as misleading since the use of these former words to modify only certain directives as to study and review could suggest that other study and review could be cursory.

The introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, "[i]n addition to any duties set forth elsewhere," is standard language added to clarify that the enumerated duties are not exclusive.

In subsection (a)(1)(iii) and (iv) of this section, the defined term "person[s]" is substituted for the former reference to "private" agencies, for clarity. As to "person", see § 1-101 of this article and Art. 1, § 15 of the Code.

Also in subsection (a)(1)(iii) and (iv) of this section, the former specific reference to the "federal government" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad references to "public agencies".

In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the directive to conduct studies "for the Joint Budget and Audit Committee" is substituted for the former reference to studies "consistent with responsibilities assigned to the ... committee", for clarity.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the former word "program" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the word "item".

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former reference to review "during all stages of its proposal" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the general direction, under subsection (b)(1) of this section, to review the proposed State budget before the regular session and as misleading, to the extent that the former reference implied legislative review of privileged Executive functions.