

As to the balance of present Art. 41, § 3A(a), see the General Revisor's Note to this subtitle.

Defined term: "State" § 1-101

#### 8-204. COORDINATION AMONG DEPARTMENTS.

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARIES OF THE PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATION AND OVERLAPPING OF ACTIVITIES IN AND AMONG THEIR DEPARTMENTS, BY COORDINATING THOSE ACTIVITIES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of Art. 41, § 12.

The word "secretaries" is substituted for the former word "heads", to standardize the references to these officials.

The former references to "programs" and "services" are deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad reference to "activities".

#### GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE:

Present Art. 41, §§ 3A(a) and 3B set forth the general powers, duties, and rights of a secretary of a principal department. Many of these powers, duties, and rights are repeated in the laws that relate to each secretary of a principal department, although, in some instances, the powers or duties have been modified to reflect a unique characteristic of a department. The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code believes that the powers, duties, and rights of each secretary should be set forth expressly in the provisions that relate to the secretary, rather than in broad general provisions that, then, may be negated or limited by other provisions.

The Commission notes, in this regard, former Art. 41, § 3C, which seemed to create a board of review for each principal department. Of the 13 principal departments, only 4 now have boards of review. Provisions of 6 departments expressly excluded the department from former Art. 41, § 3C. The provisions of 3 departments are silent, although the provisions as to 2 of those departments are silent because of the recent repeal of the provisions creating the boards. Thus, a situation exists in which the exceptions overwhelm the general provision.

To avoid this situation, former Art. 41, § 3C is deleted. Those provisions of present Art. 41, §§ 3A(a) and 3B that state powers, duties, or rights of a secretary of a principal department and do not appear already in the provisions that relate to the secretary will be added, and then present Art. 41, §§ 3A(a) and 3B will be deleted.