

of the Governor, similar approval is not required for removal. The laws governing 8 principal departments require approval of the Governor for the removal of the deputy secretary: i.e., AG § 2-102(d), NR § 1-101(d), TR § 2-102(e), and Art. 41, §§ 204B(e), 205B(e), 206B(e), 221B(e), and 257E(f) of the Code. The laws governing 5 of the other principal departments -- including the Department of General Services -- contain no comparable provision. The appointment of the Deputy State Superintendent of Schools, in the Department of Education, does not require gubernatorial approval.

Also concerning subsection (a) of this section, the General Assembly may wish to consider adding language that expressly authorizes the deputy secretary to act as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

Defined terms: "Department" § 4-101  
"Secretary" § 4-101

#### 4-204. GENERAL AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

##### (A) BUDGET.

THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AND FOR THE BUDGET OF EACH UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of former Art. 41, § 231C(a).

The phrase "each unit in the Department" is substituted for the former phrase "other boards, offices, and agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of General Services", for brevity and to conform to similar provisions elsewhere in this title.

Defined terms: "Department" § 4-101  
"Secretary" § 4-101

##### (B) REGULATIONS.

(1) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS UNITS.

(2) THE SECRETARY SHALL REVIEW AND MAY APPROVE, DISAPPROVE, OR REVISE REGULATIONS OF ANY UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 41, § 231C(b).

In paragraph (1) of this subsection, "may adopt" is substituted for the former reference "shall be