REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88C, § 2(a) and (e) and the first clause of the second sentence of § 1.

In subsection (b) of this section, the former word "investigations" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad reference to "studies".

Defined term: "Department" § 5-101

5-302. ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, AND COORDINATING FUNCTIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FUNCTION IN PART AS AN ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, AND COORDINATING AGENCY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as the first clause of the third sentence of Art. 88C, § 1.

The words "in part" are added to clarify that the Department has duties not included in this section.

The former reference to the Department executing its purposes is deleted as surplusage.

The only other changes are in style.

Defined term: "Department" § 5-101

5-303. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE, RECOMMEND, AND PERIODICALLY REVISE A BALANCED, INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE NATURAL AND OTHER RESOURCES OF THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the second clause of the second sentence of former Art. 88C, § 1.

The words "periodically revise" are substituted for the former phrase "keep up to date", for clarity and to conform with similar provisions elsewhere in the Code.

Defined term: "Department" § 5-101

5-304. AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN FUNDS AND SERVICES.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT FUNDS, GRANTS, AND SERVICES FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES TO CARRY OUT ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.