(C) REVIEW OF PLANNING AGENCIES.

BEFORE   PROVIDING   THE   ASSISTANCE,   THE   SECRETARY   SHALL
CONSIDER THE ADEQUACY AND COMPETENCY OF ANY   REGIONAL   OR   LOCAL
PLANNING   AGENCY   THAT   REQUESTS   FINANCIAL   ASSISTANCE   FROM THE
DEPARTMENT.

(D) SUBMISSION OF BUDGETS TO SECRETARY.

THE SECRETARY MAY REQUIRE ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT   OR   REGIONAL
PLANNING   AGENCY   THAT   RECEIVES   FINANCIAL   OR   OTHER   PLANNING
ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE TO SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY   A   COPY   OF
ITS PLANNING BUDGET.

(E) AUDITS.

(1) THE SECRETARY MAY REQUIRE ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR
REGIONAL   PLANNING   AGENCY   THAT   RECEIVES   FINANCIAL   OR   OTHER
PLANNING ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE TO SUBMIT TO AN   ANNUAL   AUDIT
OF ITS FINANCIAL OPERATIONS RELATED TO PLANNING.

(2) THE   AUDIT   SHALL BE PERFORMED BY THE LEGISLATIVE
AUDITOR OR BY AN   AUDITOR   OR   ACCOUNTANT   LEGALLY   QUALIFIED   TO
PERFORM MUNICIPAL AUDITS.

(3) THE   SECRETARY MAY ACCEPT AN AUDIT BY THE FEDERAL
UNIT FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT   THAT   RECEIVES   FINANCIAL   OR   OTHER
PLANNING ASSISTANCE FROM A UNIT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

(F) REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.

WHENEVER   THE   DEPARTMENT REQUESTS AND RECEIVES FINANCIAL OR
OTHER ASSISTANCE FROM ANY UNIT   OF   THE   FEDERAL   GOVERNMENT   FOR
PLANNING   ASSISTANCE TO A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR A REGIONAL PLANNING
AGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SATISFY ANY REQUIREMENT   IMPOSED   BY
FEDERAL LAW.

REVISOR'S   NOTE: This   section   is   new   language   derived
without substantive change from   former   Art.   88C,   §
2(a)   and   the   first   clause of the first sentence of
(i), and item (2) of the third sentence of   §   1,   and
the first, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh sentences
and   the   second clause of the second sentence of § 8.

Throughout   this   section,   references   to   "local
governments"   are substituted for former language such
as "county,   municipal   or   other   local   governments,
instrumentalities   and planning agencies", for brevity
and to conform to similar provisions elsewhere in this
article.

In subsections (b) and (f) of this section,   the   word
"agencies"   is   substituted   for   the   former   word
"commissions", for clarity and consistency.