

(C) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER COUNCIL.

(D) "CORPS" MEANS THE MARYLAND SERVICE CORPS.

9-1302.

THERE IS AN OFFICE ON VOLUNTEERISM WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

9-1303.

(A) (1) THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE ON VOLUNTEERISM IS THE DIRECTOR WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

(2) THE DIRECTOR SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR.

(3) THE DIRECTOR IS ENTITLED TO THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(B) (1) THE OFFICE SHALL EMPLOY STAFF TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(2) IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE OFFICE, THE DIRECTOR IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND ACCEPT GRANTS OR DONATIONS FROM GOVERNMENTAL OR PRIVATE SOURCES.

9-1304.

THE OFFICE SHALL:

(1) ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEERING THROUGHOUT THE STATE BY INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS;

(2) PROMOTE THE USE OF VOLUNTEERS IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT;

(3) IDENTIFY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WHERE PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING SUCH PROGRAMS;

(4) PROVIDE INFORMATION SERVICES TO VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS AND GOVERNMENT UNITS THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

(5) DEVELOP MODEL PROGRAMS FOR STATEWIDE CLEARINGHOUSES, SKILL BANKS, OR INFORMATION CENTERS FOR VOLUNTEERS AND PROJECTS IN THE STATE AND IMPLEMENT SUCH PROGRAMS, IF FEASIBLE;

(6) PLAN AND EXECUTE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENTS FOR STATE VOLUNTEERS AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR RECOGNITION EVENTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE VISIBILITY AND STATUS OF VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS;