

15-203.

(A) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS THEN SERVING ON THE COUNCIL IS A QUORUM.

(B) A MEMBER APPOINTED UNDER § 5-103(A)(1) THROUGH (5) OF THIS TITLE MAY IN WRITING DESIGNATE AN ALTERNATE TO REPRESENT THE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL AND EXERCISE THE MEMBER'S POWER TO VOTE.

(C) THE COUNCIL SHALL DETERMINE THE TIMES AND PLACES OF ITS MEETINGS AND ANY OTHER NECESSARY OPERATING PROCEDURES INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES OR WORK GROUPS UTILIZING THE EXPERTISE OF NONCOUNCIL MEMBERS.

15-204.

(A) THE COUNCIL SHALL HIRE A STAFF DIRECTOR, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, AND AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(B) THE STAFF DIRECTOR, SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, SHALL HIRE SUCH ADDITIONAL STAFF AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE STATE BUDGET TO PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS ARE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COUNCIL.

(C) THE STAFF SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION SOLELY FOR ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES.

(D) MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY DESIGNATE STAFF FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENT AGENCIES TO ASSIST THE COUNCIL.

15-205.

THE COUNCIL SHALL CONDUCT A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE PROGRAMS AND LAWS RELATING TO OR GOVERNING SERVICES DESIGNED TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY AND IN DOING SO, SHALL:

(1) HOLD HEARINGS AT WHICH PERSONS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND AGENCIES WITH AN INTEREST IN ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY MAY PRESENT THEIR VIEWS.

(2) CONDUCT MEETINGS, DISCUSSIONS, AND EXAMINATIONS AS NECESSARY TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE LAWS AND SERVICES RELATING TO ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY IN MARYLAND AND OTHER STATES.

(3) IDENTIFY AND EXAMINE THE LIMITATIONS AND PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH EXISTING LAWS, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES RELATED TO ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY; AND

(4) EXAMINE THE FINANCING AND DELIVERY OF SERVICES RELATED TO TEENAGE PREGNANCY.

15-206.