

(a) The Department of Employment and Training is hereby created as a principal department of the State government. The head of the Department of Employment and Training shall be the Secretary of Employment and Training who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) The Secretary of Employment and Training shall receive such salary as provided in the State budget. The Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, shall be directly responsible to the Governor, shall counsel and advise the Governor on all matters assigned to the Department of Employment and Training and shall be responsible for carrying out the Governor's policies with respect to such matters.

(c) The Secretary of Employment and Training shall be responsible for the operation of the Department of Employment and Training and shall establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration thereof. The Secretary may establish areas of responsibility within the office of the Secretary and may reorganize or abolish the same as necessary to fulfill effectively the duties assigned to the Secretary.]

[7-102.

The following agencies, boards, commissions, committees, councils, departments, divisions, offices, and units of the State government shall be included within the Department of Employment and Training: The units established to administer the provisions of Article 95A of this Code, the Apprenticeship and Training Council, and other units established pursuant to State or federal employment, training, or manpower statutes, and such other agencies, boards, commissions, committees, councils, or units as may hereafter pursuant to law be declared to be part of the Department of Employment and Training.]

[7-103.

(a) The Secretary of Employment and Training shall appoint, with the approval of the Governor, a Deputy Secretary who shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary and who shall receive such compensation as is provided in the State budget. The Deputy Secretary of the Department of Employment and Training shall have such duties as are delegated by the Secretary and shall be the acting secretary during periods when the Secretary may be absent from the State or otherwise unavailable.

(b) The Secretary of Employment and Training shall also have attached to the office of the Secretary such assistants, professional consultants, and employees as are provided for in the State budget. The Secretary may establish areas of responsibility within the office and designate assistants to be in charge of such areas. All staff assistants in the Secretary's office in charge of particular areas of responsibility, and all