- . (3) The Legislative Policy Committee shall direct at least 1 standing committee of the House of Delegates and 1 standing committee of the Senate of Maryland to review annually the performance of State agencies under this section as reported in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.
- (d) (1) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section are inapplicable to the extent any department determines that they are in conflict with any applicable federal program requirement.
- (2) The determination shall be in writing and shall be included with the report required under subsection (c) of this section.

(e) (1) It is a violation of this section to:

- (i) fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a minority business enterprise for the purposes of this section;
- [(ii) willfully make a false statement, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a State official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a minority business enterprise;]
- (II) A-PERSON-MAY-NOT IN ANY MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE MATTER ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE WILLFULLY FALSIFY, CONCEAL OR COVER UP BY ANY TRICK, SCHEME OR DEVICE A MATERIAL FACT, OR MAKE ANY FALSE, FICTITIOUS OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS, OR MAKE USE OF ANY FALSE WRITING OR DOCUMENT KNOWING THE SAME TO CONTAIN ANY FALSE, FICTITIOUS OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENT OR ENTRY.
- (iii) willfully obstruct, impede, or attempt to obstruct or impede any State official or employee who is investigating the qualifications of a business entity which has requested certification as a minority business enterprise; or
- (iv) fraudulently obtain, attempt to obtain, or aid another person in fraudulently obtaining or attempting to obtain, public moneys to which the person is not entitled under this subtitle.
- (2) Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a felony and upon conviction is subject to imprisonment for a period of not more than 5 years, or a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both.
- (3) (i) Any person convicted of having violated a provision of this subsection or who has admitted, in writing or