

(a) There is a DEPARTMENT OF Juvenile Services [Agency] established as a PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT [unit] of THE State government.

(b) It is the policy of the State that the [Agency] DEPARTMENT comply with the provisions of § 3-802 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.

2-102.

(a) The head of the [Agency] DEPARTMENT is the [Director] SECRETARY, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) (1) The [Director] SECRETARY serves at the pleasure of the Governor and is responsible directly to the Governor. The [Director] SECRETARY shall advise the Governor on all matters assigned to the [Agency] DEPARTMENT and is responsible for carrying out the Governor's policies on these matters.

(2) The [Agency] SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND shall establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration of the [Agency] DEPARTMENT. The [Director] SECRETARY may establish, reorganize, or abolish areas of responsibility in the [Agency] DEPARTMENT as necessary to fulfill the duties assigned to the [Director] SECRETARY.

(c) The [Director] SECRETARY is entitled to the salary provided in the State budget.

2-103.

(a) With the approval of the Governor, the [Director] SECRETARY may appoint [a] 1 OR-MORE Deputy [Director] SECRETARIES SECRETARY AS NECESSARY.

(b) (1) The Deputy [Director] SECRETARY serves at the pleasure of the [Director] SECRETARY.

(2) The Deputy [Director] SECRETARY is entitled to the salary provided in the State budget.

(3) The Deputy [Director] SECRETARY has the duties provided by law or delegated by the [Director] SECRETARY.

(c) (1) The [Director] SECRETARY may employ a staff and retain consultants in accordance with the State budget.

(2) Unless otherwise provided by law and except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, the [Director] SECRETARY shall appoint and remove all other staff in accordance with the provisions of the State Merit System Law.