

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) ["Department"] "DIRECTOR" means the [Department] DIRECTOR of [State] THE OFFICE OF Planning.

(c) ["Secretary"] "PLANNING" means the [Secretary] OFFICE of [State] Planning.

[(d) "Total project funding" means the funding for the planning, design, construction, and equipment of a capital project through a single appropriation or authorization.]

Subtitle 2. Organization of [Department] OFFICE and
General Authority of [Secretary] DIRECTOR

5-201.

There is [a Department] AN OFFICE of [State] Planning, established as a [principal department] ~~PART--OF--THE--EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT--of--the~~ SEPARATE UNIT OF State government.

5-202.

(a) The head of the [Department] OFFICE is the [Secretary] DIRECTOR of [State] Planning, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) The [Secretary] DIRECTOR must have:

(1) training or experience in State, regional, or local planning; or

(2) significant civic, governmental, or business experience in matters connected with urban or rural planning.

(c) Before taking office, the appointee shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

(d) (1) The [Secretary] DIRECTOR serves at the pleasure of the Governor and is responsible directly to the Governor. The [Secretary] DIRECTOR shall advise the Governor of all matters assigned to the [Department] OFFICE and is responsible for carrying out the Governor's policies on those matters.

(2) The [Secretary] DIRECTOR is responsible for the operation of the [Department] OFFICE and shall establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration of the [Department] OFFICE. The [Secretary] DIRECTOR may establish, reorganize, or abolish areas of responsibility in the [Department] OFFICE as necessary to fulfill the duties assigned to the [Secretary] DIRECTOR.