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- (c) The [Secretary] DIRECTOR may create any citizens' advisory body that the [Secretary] DIRECTOR considers necessary for the operation of the [Department] OFFICE.
  - (d) The [Secretary] DIRECTOR shall have a seal.
- (e) (1) The [Secretary] DIRECTOR is responsible for the comprehensive planning of programs and services of the [Department] OFFICE.
- (2) The [Secretary] DIRECTOR shall review and approve or disapprove the plans of the units in the [Department] OFFICE.
- (f) The [Secretary] DIRECTOR or a staff member of the [Department] OFFICE designated by the [Secretary] DIRECTOR shall have access to information that relates to State planning in the possession of any unit of the State government, of a regional government, or of a local government.
- (g) If the entry is made in a manner so as to cause no unnecessary injury, the [Secretary] DIRECTOR or a staff member of the [Department] OFFICE designated by the [Secretary] DIRECTOR may enter, at any reasonable hour, on any land in order to make examinations and surveys that relate to State planning.
- (h) After providing adequate public notice, the [Secretary] DIRECTOR shall hold hearings on matters of State planning whenever it is in the public interest to do so.
- (i) In the interest of intergovernmental cooperation, the [Secretary] DIRECTOR shall attend:
  - (1) meetings of regional planning commissions;
  - (2) interstate planning conferences; and
  - (3) other planning conferences.
- (j) The [Secretary] DIRECTOR may contract for professional or consultant services for work related to State planning  $\overline{\text{AS}}$  PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.
- (k) The [Secretary] DIRECTOR may exercise any power necessary and proper to discharge the [Secretary's] DIRECTOR'S duties.

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- (a) The Attorney General is legal adviser to the Department.
- (b) At the request of the Governor, the Attorney General shall assign to the Department: