

management operations by the political subdivisions of this State;

(3) May authorize the procurement of supplies and equipment and the institution of training programs and public information programs and other preparatory steps in advance of a State emergency;

(4) Authorize such studies and surveys of the industries, resources, and facilities in this State as may be necessary or desirable to ascertain the capabilities of the State for emergency management operations and to prepare plans for the emergency management of resources in accordance with the national plan for emergency preparedness;

(5) May appoint, in cooperation with local authorities, directors for the political subdivisions of the State and may delegate to them any administrative authority vested in him under this subtitle, and provide for the subdelegation of any such authority; and

(6) May delegate his authority under this subsection to the [Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services] ADJUTANT GENERAL.

(c) In addition to disaster prevention measures included in the State, local and interjurisdictional disaster plans, the Governor shall consider, on a continuing basis, steps that could be taken to prevent or reduce the harmful consequences of potential disasters. At his direction, and pursuant to any other authority and competence they have, State agencies, including but not limited to those charged with responsibilities in connection with flood plain management, stream encroachment and flow regulation, weather modification, fire prevention and control, air quality, public works, land use and land-use planning, and construction standards, shall make studies of emergency prevention-related matters.

6A.

(a) A state of emergency shall be declared by executive order or proclamation of the Governor if he finds that an emergency has developed or is impending for any cause whatsoever. The state of emergency shall continue until the Governor finds that the threat or danger has passed or the emergency has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist and terminates the state of emergency by executive order or proclamation.

(b) No state of emergency may continue for longer than 30 days unless renewed by the Governor. The General Assembly by joint resolution may terminate a state of emergency at any time. Thereupon, the Governor shall issue an executive order or