

Article - State Government

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In addition to any duties set forth elsewhere, the Department shall:

- (1) conduct studies on fiscal matters that relate to the State budget including:
 - (i) taxes and revenues;
 - (ii) finances;
 - (iii) financial policies of public agencies; and
 - (iv) grants to individuals and private entities;
- (2) conduct studies on financial and other matters of the State government;
- (3) conduct studies on organization and management improvement in State government;
- (4) study all matters that relate to the efficient and effective operation of the State government, whether or not the matter is a direct budgetary concern;
- (5) propose statutory changes to effect operational economy or effective administration;
- (6) perform the following duties with respect to the review of expenditures:
 - (i) [before each regular session of the General Assembly,] review each item in the proposed State budget so as to be able to report on the justification of a unit for that item;
 - (ii) review the proposed State budget at each stage of its consideration;
 - (iii) during consideration of the proposed State budget, identify each of the items that:
 1. provides for a new function; or
 2. has been disapproved previously by the General Assembly;
 - (iv) evaluate each proposal of a unit of the State government for an appropriation, including any proposal, that:
 1. is in the proposed State budget;
 2. is considered with the proposed State budget; or
 3. involves State financing of a capital improvement;
 - (v) evaluate the activities of each unit of the State government as these activities relate to a proposed or actual expenditure of public money;