

(2) SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(D) CONCERNS OF CERTAIN REPRESENTATIVES.

THE SECRETARY SHALL GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS.

(E) REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.

EACH MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(F) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a) through (d) and (f) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 64A, § 48E(e), (f), (g), and (h).

Subsection (e) of this section is standard language added to reflect that, under SF § 10-203, the Board of Public Works has adopted regulations for reimbursement of expenses. See COMAR 23.02.01.01 through .12.

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to "health insurance benefit options" is substituted for the former reference to "benefits ... included in the benefits package of the State Employees' Health Insurance Program" for brevity.

In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the reference to "requesting proposals" is added to accommodate alternative procurement methods, consistent with long-standing Departmental understanding and administrative practice.

In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to "times and places" is added to reflect the practice of the Advisory Council.

In subsection (c)(1) of this section, the requirement that the Council keep a "record of its meetings, proceedings, and transactions," is substituted for the former requirement to keep "transcripts", to reflect current practice. The State Personnel Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that it is highly unusual for an advisory board to keep transcripts of proceedings; however, under the open meetings laws, the Advisory Council is required to take minutes.

Subsection (d) of this section is revised to clarify that its provisions refer only to those representatives of employee organizations who are "council members".