

(2) The deputy secretary:

- (i) serves at the pleasure of the Secretary;
- (ii) is entitled to the salary provided in the State budget; and
- (iii) has the duties provided by law or delegated by the Secretary.

(b) (1) The Secretary may appoint a staff in accordance with the Code and the State budget.

(2) Each assistant secretary and each professional consultant is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.

(3) Unless otherwise provided by law, the Secretary shall appoint and remove all other staff in the Department in accordance with this Division I.

(4) The Secretary may review personnel actions of a unit of State government within the authority of the Department.

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(a) The Secretary is responsible for the budget of the Office of the Secretary and for the budget of each unit in the Department.

(b) The Secretary may create advisory units of any size that the Secretary considers appropriate for the operation of the Department.

(c) The Secretary shall have a seal.

(d) (1) The Secretary is responsible for the comprehensive planning of programs and services of the Department.

(2) The Secretary shall review the plans of the units in the Department and may approve, disapprove, or revise any of the plans.

[2-106] 4-106.

(a) [The Secretary shall adopt regulations to carry out those provisions of this Division I that are subject to the authority of the Secretary.] TO CARRY OUT THOSE PROVISIONS OF THIS DIVISION I THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY, THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, OR POLICIES.

(b) [The Secretary shall review and may approve, disapprove, or revise regulations of any unit in the Department.] AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING PEER REVIEW PANELS, THAT INCLUDE PROCEDURES FOR A PRINCIPAL UNIT TO ESTABLISH PEER REVIEW PANELS AS AN ALTERNATIVE MECHANISM FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION UNDER TITLES 11 AND 12 OF THIS ARTICLE.

[2-107.

(a) (1) Subject to the approval of the Governor, the Secretary shall establish classes and classify all positions in the classified service and the unclassified service.