and General Services"; and the subtitle designation "Subtitle 14A. Miscellaneous Provisions on Staff" in Title 2; and various parts

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Section 2-601, 2-602, 2-603, and 2-606 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 6. Joint Audit Committee"; 2-1208, 2-1210, 2-1212 through 2-1222, 2-1308 through 2-1313; 2-1401, 2-1403, 2-14A-01, 2-1404, and 2-1414 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 1. Definitions; General Provisions"; 2-1502(a) and (e), 2-1504, 2-1505(a), (b), (c), (d), (f), (g), and (j)(1), 2-1505.1(b), (c), (d), (f), (g), (h), and (i), and 2-1505.2(b), (c), (e), (f), (g), and (h); and various parts

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Section 2-1201 through 2-1207, 2-1211 through 2-1216, 2-1228 through 2-1236, 2-1239 through 2-1242, and 2-1248 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 12. Staff and Services - Department of Legislative Services"; and various parts

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## Preamble

WHEREAS, The legislative staffing agencies of the General Assembly were the subject of a comprehensive study by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) between January 1992 and November 1992. The study was undertaken to address the need to promote efficiency and possible cost savings within the Legislative Branch of State government; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly believes that it is appropriate to act upon the findings and recommendations of the 1992 NCSL study and Dr. Alan Rosenthal of the Eagleton Institute of Politics, a consultant to that study; and

WHEREAS, It is proposed that the Department of Fiscal Services, the Department of Legislative Reference, and the Office of Legislative Data Processing be replaced with one Department of Legislative Services, headed by an Executive Director and organized to meet the staffing needs of the General Assembly; and