

- (iv) grants to individuals and private entities;
- (2) conduct studies, DEVELOP OPTIONS, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS on financial and other matters of the State government;
- (3) conduct studies, DEVELOP OPTIONS, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS 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) 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;
- (7) report, subject to § [2-1312] 2-1246 of this [article] SUBTITLE, on the public debt of the State, including the effect of an additional debt authorization or issue on State finances;
- (8) after each session of the General Assembly, summarize the effect of the legislative program on the financial condition of the State;
- (9) provide to the General Assembly and its committees [staff services] INFORMATION on fiscal matters;
- (10) exchange, with federal and State units, information on taxation, revenues, expenditures, and related matters;