

(11) conduct studies on the fiscal relationships of the State with its units and with local governments;

(12) conduct studies on the operation, administration, staff, and physical plants of each unit of the State government;

(13) as directed by the General Assembly, the Legislative Policy Committee, the Joint [Budget and] Audit Committee, or other legislative committees:

(i) subject to § [2-1312] 2-1246 of this [article] SUBTITLE, submit reports on the studies on units of the State government; and

(ii) conduct other special studies and prepare other special reports;

(14) review the financial reports received from each political subdivision in accordance with § 2-101 of Article 24 of the Code as to completeness and accuracy. If the report needs revision, the political subdivision shall be advised and shall submit the requested information within 15 days. The financial reports of political subdivisions shall be available for public inspection and certified copies shall be provided by the [Department] OFFICE for a reasonable fee; [and]

(15) subject to § [2-1312] 2-1246 of this [article] SUBTITLE, publish an annual report on the revenues and expenditures of each county, municipal corporation, and special taxing district created by law; AND

(16) CARRY OUT ANY OTHER FUNCTIONS RELATED TO BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS REQUIRED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

(B) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL DEDICATE AN APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND AN ADEQUATE LEVEL OF DEPARTMENT RESOURCES TO THE YEAR-ROUND PERFORMANCE OF THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

(1) ANALYZING THE STATE BUDGET;

(2) FORECASTING TRENDS IN THE STATE BUDGET;

(3) IDENTIFYING SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL POLICIES OF PUBLIC AGENCIES IN THE STATE BUDGET;

(4) REVIEWING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE BUDGET APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND

(5) CONDUCTING REVENUE FORECASTS.

[2-1308.] 2-1238. Same - Legal Affairs.

[(a)] In addition to any duties set forth elsewhere, the [Department] OFFICE shall:

(1) on request of a member of the General Assembly, analyze and report on:

(i) the laws of any state on a specific subject and all of the available information about the practical operation and effect of those laws; and

(ii) the acts and records of any state;