

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION DURING THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, INCLUDING:

(I) A COPY OF EACH SUMMARY, COMPILATION, AND SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(II) ANY OTHER FACT, SUGGESTION, OR POLICY RECOMMENDATION THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS NECESSARY; AND

(5) EXCEPT FOR CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVILEGED MEDICAL OR PATIENT INFORMATION, MAKE:

(I) EACH REPORT FILED AND EACH SUMMARY, COMPILATION, AND REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS; AND

(II) EACH SUMMARY, COMPILATION, AND REPORT AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHER STATE AGENCY ON REQUEST.

(C) (1) THE COMMISSION MAY CONTRACT WITH A QUALIFIED, INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY FOR ANY SERVICE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

(2) UNLESS PERMISSION IS GRANTED SPECIFICALLY BY THE COMMISSION, A THIRD PARTY HIRED BY THE COMMISSION MAY NOT RELEASE, PUBLISH, OR OTHERWISE USE ANY INFORMATION TO WHICH THE THIRD PARTY HAS ACCESS UNDER ITS CONTRACT.

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(A) EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE POWER OF THE SECRETARY OVER PLANS, PROPOSALS, AND PROJECTS OF UNITS IN THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE POWER TO DISAPPROVE OR MODIFY ANY REGULATION, DECISION, OR DETERMINATION THAT THE COMMISSION MAKES UNDER AUTHORITY SPECIFICALLY DELEGATED BY LAW TO THE COMMISSION.

(B) THE POWER OF THE SECRETARY TO TRANSFER, BY RULE, REGULATION, OR WRITTEN DIRECTIVE, ANY STAFF, FUNCTIONS, OR FUNDS OF UNITS IN THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY STAFF, FUNCTION, OR FUNDS OF THE COMMISSION.

(C) (1) THE POWER OF THE SECRETARY OVER THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE FOR UNITS IN THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE FOR THE COMMISSION.

(2) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ANY PROCUREMENT FOR SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED OR FOR SUPPLIES TO BE DELIVERED TO THE COMMISSION IS SUBJECT TO THE PURPOSES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.