

(c) The [Director] SECRETARY may create any citizens' advisory body that the [Director] SECRETARY considers necessary for the operation of the [Office] DEPARTMENT.

(d) The [Director] SECRETARY shall have a seal.

(e) (1) The [Director] SECRETARY is responsible for the comprehensive planning of programs and services of the [Office] DEPARTMENT.

(2) The [Director] SECRETARY shall review and approve or disapprove the plans of the units in the [Office] DEPARTMENT.

(f) The [Director] SECRETARY or a staff member of the [Office] DEPARTMENT designated by the [Director] SECRETARY shall have access to information that relates to State planning in the possession of any unit of the State government, of a regional government, or of a local government.

(g) If the entry is made in a manner so as to cause no unnecessary injury, the [Director] SECRETARY or a staff member of the [Office] DEPARTMENT designated by the [Director] SECRETARY may enter, at any reasonable hour, on any land in order to make examinations and surveys that relate to State planning.

(h) After providing adequate public notice, the [Director] SECRETARY shall hold hearings on matters of State planning whenever it is in the public interest to do so.

(i) In the interest of intergovernmental cooperation, the [Director] SECRETARY shall attend:

- (1) meetings of regional planning commissions;
- (2) interstate planning conferences; and
- (3) other planning conferences.

(j) The [Director] SECRETARY may contract for professional or consultant services for work related to State planning as provided in the State budget.

(k) The [Director] SECRETARY may exercise any power necessary and proper to discharge the [Director's] SECRETARY'S duties.

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(A) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) (1) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL ASSIGN TO THE DEPARTMENT THE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ANY ADDITIONAL ONES NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECTIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND COUNSEL.

(2) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ALSO SHALL DESIGNATE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL AS COUNSEL TO THE DEPARTMENT.