

(C) (1) THE COUNSEL TO THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE NO DUTY OTHER THAN:

(I) TO GIVE THE LEGAL AID, ADVICE, AND COUNSEL REQUIRED BY THE SECRETARY AND ANY OTHER OFFICIAL OF THE DEPARTMENT;

(II) TO SUPERVISE THE OTHER ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(III) TO PERFORM FOR THE DEPARTMENT THE DUTIES THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ASSIGNS.

(2) THE COUNSEL SHALL PERFORM THESE DUTIES SUBJECT TO THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(3) AFTER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DESIGNATES THE COUNSEL TO THE DEPARTMENT, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY NOT REASSIGN THE COUNSEL WITHOUT CONSULTING THE SECRETARY.

Subtitle 3. General Authority and Responsibilities of [Office] DEPARTMENT.

5-301.

(a) The [Office] DEPARTMENT is the staff agency of the Governor for planning matters with the exception of capital facilities planning.

(b) (1) The [Office] DEPARTMENT is the principal staff agency for planning matters concerning the resources and development of the State.

(2) In this capacity, the [Office] DEPARTMENT shall undertake special studies, submit reports, and give advice to the Governor at the request of the Governor.

5-302.

The [Office] DEPARTMENT shall function in part as an advisory, consultative, and coordinating agency.

5-303.

To promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the State, the [Office] DEPARTMENT shall prepare, recommend, and periodically revise a balanced, integrated program for the development and effective use of the natural and other resources of the State.

5-304.

(a) The [Office] DEPARTMENT may accept funds, grants, and services from public and private sources to carry out its powers and duties.