

5-508.

Upon request of the General Assembly, the [Office] DEPARTMENT shall provide information to and cooperate with the General Assembly and its committees in connection with the studies made by the [Office] DEPARTMENT relevant to State planning.

5-509.

(a) The [Office] DEPARTMENT shall serve as a repository and clearinghouse for information concerning federal and State grants, loans, and other financial and technical assistance.

(b) The [Office] DEPARTMENT shall adopt regulations that require units of State government:

(1) to submit financial and technical assistance information to the [Office] DEPARTMENT; and

(2) to publish information concerning grant application requirements in the Maryland Register in a timely manner.

(c) The [Office] DEPARTMENT shall annually publish information concerning State financial and technical assistance in a catalog or catalogs of State assistance programs.

5-601.

In this subtitle, "Plan" means the State Development Plan.

5-602.

(a) The [Office] DEPARTMENT shall prepare and from time to time revise a plan or plans for development of the State. The plan or plans collectively shall be known as the State Development Plan.

(b) The [Office] DEPARTMENT shall prepare the Plan to promote the general welfare and prosperity of the people of the State through the coordinated development of the State.

(c) The [Office] DEPARTMENT shall base the Plan on studies of governmental, economic, physical, and social conditions and trends.

5-603.

In the preparation and revision of the Plan or any part of it, the [Office] DEPARTMENT shall:

(1) seek comments from and consult with the local governments of the areas that are affected by the Plan; and

(2) seek the cooperation and advice of appropriate:

(i) governmental units;