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(a) The [Director] SECRETARY is responsible for the budget of the [Office] DEPARTMENT.

(b) The [Director] SECRETARY may adopt regulations for the [Office] DEPARTMENT.

(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