

(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE THE TIMES AND PLACES OF ITS MEETINGS AND ANY OTHER NECESSARY OPERATING PROCEDURES, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES OR WORK GROUPS UTILIZING THE EXPERTISE OF NONCOMMISSION MEMBERS.

18-405.

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL HIRE A STAFF DIRECTOR, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, AND AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(B) THE STAFF DIRECTOR, SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, SHALL HIRE SUCH ADDITIONAL STAFF AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE STATE BUDGET TO PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS ARE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMISSION.

(C) THE STAFF SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES SOLELY FOR ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES.

(D) MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION MAY DESIGNATE STAFF FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENT AGENCIES TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION.

18-406.

THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO:

(1) RAISE AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEMS CREATED WHEN A CHILD IS RAISED WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF A RESPONSIBLE FATHER;

(2) IDENTIFY OBSTACLES THAT IMPEDE OR PREVENT THE INVOLVEMENT OF RESPONSIBLE FATHERS IN THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN; AND

(3) IDENTIFY STRATEGIES THAT ~~ARE SUCCESSFUL IN ENCOURAGING~~ ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD.

18-407.

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE EXTENT AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE ABSENCE OF RESPONSIBLE FATHERS FROM FAMILIES AND IN DOING SO, SHALL:

(1) HOLD HEARINGS AT WHICH PERSONS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND AGENCIES WITH AN INTEREST IN RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD MAY PRESENT THEIR VIEWS;

(2) CONDUCT MEETINGS, DISCUSSIONS, AND EXAMINATIONS AS NECESSARY TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE LAWS AND SERVICES RELATING TO RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD IN MARYLAND AND OTHER STATES;

(3) IDENTIFY AND EXAMINE THE LIMITATIONS AND PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH EXISTING LAWS, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES RELATED TO RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD; AND

(4) EXAMINE THE FINANCING AND DELIVERY OF SERVICES RELATED TO RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD;