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(B) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUALS.

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(A) IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, THERE IS AN OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING.

(B) (1) THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE IS THE DIRECTOR.

(2) (I) THE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(II) THE DIRECTOR SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND IS RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR.

(3) THE DIRECTOR SHALL BE:

(I) A DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING PERSON; AND

(II) KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EXPERIENCED WITH ISSUES AFFECTING DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUALS.

(4) THE DIRECTOR IS ENTITLED TO THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(C) (1) THE DIRECTOR OFFICE SHALL:

(I) ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON ALL MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE; AND

(II) CARRY OUT THE GOVERNOR'S POLICIES ON THE MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE;

~~(III)~~ (2) THE DIRECTOR SHALL: