

~~to the end that the most effective preparation and use may be made of the resources and facilities available for dealing with any disaster that may occur.~~

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~~As used in this subtitle:~~

~~(d) "Emergency" means the threat or occurrence of an enemy attack or any hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, drought, fire, explosion, act of terrorism or other catastrophe in any part of the State which requires State emergency assistance to supplement local efforts in order to save lives and protect public health and safety.~~

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~~(a) (1) There is a Maryland Emergency Management Agency in the Military Department.~~

~~(2) (i) The Adjutant General shall, with the approval of the Governor, appoint a Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency who shall be the executive head of the Agency.~~

~~(ii) The Director is in the executive service in the State Personnel Management System and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Adjutant General.~~

~~(iii) The Director shall receive such salary as is provided in the budget.~~

~~(b) (1) Subject to the authority of the Adjutant General, the Director may employ professional, technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel within the appropriations and [(except)], EXCEPT as to the position of [Director] DIRECTOR, subject to the conditions and limitations of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.~~

~~(2) The Director may make expenditures within the appropriations or from other funds made available to the Director for purposes of emergency management, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subtitle.~~

~~(c) The Director is responsible to the Governor and the Adjutant General for carrying out the State emergency management program. On those occasions when the Governor shall have formally declared the threat or existence of a State emergency, the Director shall coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency management operations within the State. The Director shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with emergency management agencies and organizations of other states and of the federal government.~~

~~(d) (1) Each county and Baltimore City shall:~~

~~(i) Prepare an Emergency Preparedness Plan for responding to an emergency that involves hazardous materials or controlled hazardous substances as defined in the Environment Article; and~~