

- (i) an Aleut;
- (ii) an American Indian;
- (iii) a Black;
- (iv) an Eskimo;
- (v) a Hispanic;
- (vi) an Oriental;
- (vii) a Puerto Rican; or
- (viii) a woman.

(D) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS.

(E) "SPECIAL SECRETARY" MEANS THE SPECIAL SECRETARY FOR THE OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS.

9-303.

(A) The head of the Office of Minority Affairs is the [Director] SPECIAL SECRETARY, who shall be appointed by AND SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF the Governor.

(B) THE SPECIAL SECRETARY SHALL RECEIVE THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

9-303.1.

(a) There is an Interdepartmental Advisory Committee for Minority Affairs.

(b) The Interdepartmental Committee is composed of:

- (1) the secretary of each principal department of the Executive Branch of government, or the secretary's designee;
- (2) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;
- (3) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee; and
- (4) the [Director] SPECIAL SECRETARY.

(c) The Interdepartmental Committee shall:

(1) advise the [Director] SPECIAL SECRETARY on proposals to implement and enhance the duties of the Office, including the promotion of employment of minority persons in the State, and the promotion of the growth and participation of minority business enterprises in the State;

(2) gather such information the Committee deems necessary to promote the goals of the Office;