

(II) SUBMITTED BY OR THROUGH ANY UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

(2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW, THE SECRETARY MAY APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND USE GRANTS-IN-AID, FUNDS, OR SERVICES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR ANY OF ITS UNITS, OR ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR USE IN CARRYING OUT THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OR THE DEPARTMENT.

(E) REVIEW, APPROVAL, OR AMENDMENT OF STATE DISABILITIES PLAN; ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS.

(1) THE SECRETARY SHALL REVIEW THE STATE DISABILITIES PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-132 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE SECRETARY MAY APPROVE THE STATE DISABILITIES PLAN OR AMEND THE PLAN IF THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT THE PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE BOARD IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-132 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(3) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE DISABILITIES PLAN AS APPROVED OR AS AMENDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(F) ANNUAL ANALYSIS OF STATE'S PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING STATE DISABILITIES PLAN.

THE SECRETARY SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL ANALYSIS OF THE STATE'S PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE STATE DISABILITIES PLAN AND RELATED PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.

(G) CITIZENS' ADVISORY BODIES.

THE SECRETARY MAY CREATE CITIZENS' ADVISORY BODIES THAT THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS NECESSARY FOR THE EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former SG §§ 9-1117 and 9-1104(a) and (c) through (f).

In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to "this subtitle" is substituted for the former reference to "this title" for accuracy.

In the introductory language of subsection (c)(1)(i) and (2) of this section, the phrases "[b]efore publication in the Maryland Register" and "[b]efore implementation" are substituted for the former phrase "prior to public notification" for clarity.

The Human Services Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the meaning of former SG § 9-1104(c) and (d) is unclear. It is unclear whether it is mandatory or discretionary for units of State government to submit "new or proposed changes to regulations,