

policies, programs, and services" to the Secretary under former SG § 9-1104(c). It is also unclear whether all regulations or only those submitted to the Secretary are required to include "an assessment that describes the impact of the proposed regulations on individuals with disabilities" and who is required to prepare the assessment. Similarly, it is unclear whether it is mandatory or discretionary for units of the State government to submit "applications for federal aid, waivers, or grants" to the Secretary under former SG § 9-1104(d). The General Assembly may wish to clarify the intent of these provisions.

Defined terms: "Board" § 7-101

"Department" § 7-101

"Disability" § 7-101

"Secretary" § 7-101

"Unit of State government" § 7-101

7-114. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT.

(A) RESPONSIBILITY FOR STATEWIDE DISABILITY POLICIES AND STANDARDS.

(1) THE DEPARTMENT IS THE PRINCIPAL UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING, MAINTAINING, REVISING, AND ENFORCING STATEWIDE DISABILITY POLICIES AND STANDARDS THROUGHOUT THE UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

(2) IN THIS CAPACITY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(I) SERVE AS THE PRINCIPAL ADVISOR TO THE GOVERNOR ON THE MEANS AND METHODS AVAILABLE TO:

1. IMPLEMENT AND FUND SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE DISABILITIES PLAN;

2. MODIFY OR CONSOLIDATE SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND

3. COLLABORATE WITH FEDERAL, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION AND FUNDING OF SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

(II) ANNUALLY RECOMMEND PROJECTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT FOR INCLUSION IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET TO PROMOTE ACCESS TO STATE-OWNED FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

(III) ASSIST UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO IDENTIFY FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE STATE FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND

(IV) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIES CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE DISABILITIES PLAN.

(B) ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAMS AND UNITS.