

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, § 129A(b)(5) and (6).

Defined terms: "Council" § 7-301
"Department" § 7-301

7-305. DUTIES.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE COUNCIL SHALL:

(1) SOLICIT AND GATHER CONCERNS OF CAREGIVERS BY:

(I) CONDUCTING SURVEYS;

(II) HOLDING PUBLIC HEARINGS;

(III) ESTABLISHING A TELEPHONE HOTLINE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS;

AND

(IV) OTHER APPROPRIATE MEANS;

(2) DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE TO INTERESTED PARTIES A HANDBOOK OF CURRENT RESPITE CARE AND OTHER FAMILY CAREGIVER SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE STATE;

(3) REVIEW SUCCESSFUL RESPITE CARE PROGRAMS IN OTHER STATES;

(4) DEVELOP A MODEL FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM THAT INCORPORATES BEST PRACTICES FROM EXISTING PROGRAMS IN THIS AND OTHER STATES;

(5) COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES AMONG STATE AND LOCAL UNITS;

(6) RESEARCH AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS; AND

(7) IDENTIFY UNMET NEEDS AND PRIORITIES FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

(B) ANNUAL REPORT.

THE COUNCIL SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY ON ITS ACTIVITIES TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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In subsection (a)(5) of this section, the reference to "units" is substituted for the former reference to "public agencies" for consistency throughout this article.