

Secretary is substituted for the former reference to duties assigned "by" the Secretary for accuracy and consistency with §§ 2-203(b) and 7-106(b) of this article and with similar provisions in other revised articles of the Code. *See, e.g.*, EN § 1-402(b)(2), HG § 2-101(b)(2), and SF § 3-202(d)(2). This substitution is called to the attention of the General Assembly.

The Human Services Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that former Article 70B did not include provisions typically included in similar provisions in other revised articles of the Code establishing principal departments of State government, such as legal counsel, authority to employ staff, authority to adopt regulations, and responsibility for planning activities of the Department. The General Assembly may wish to address these omissions.

Defined terms: "Department" § 10-101  
 "Secretary" § 10-101

#### 10-204. DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

##### (A) ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.

THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DELEGATES TO THE STATE UNDER THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 THAT ARE NOT OTHERWISE COMMITTED BY LAW TO ANOTHER UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

##### (B) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL LEVELS AND UNITS.

THE SECRETARY:

(1) IS A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL; AND

(2) SHALL COOPERATE WITH AND RECEIVE THE COOPERATION OF STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE.

##### (C) COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) EVALUATE THE SERVICE NEEDS OF SENIORS IN THE STATE;

(2) DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH EXISTING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS MEET THE NEEDS OF SENIORS;

(3) ESTABLISH PRIORITIES FOR MEETING THE NEEDS OF SENIORS;

(4) COORDINATE, SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAW, AND ASSESS AND EVALUATE ALL STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, THAT RELATE AND ARE IMPORTANT TO THE WELL-BEING OF SENIORS IN THE STATE, INCLUDING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN THE AREAS OF:

(I) INCOME MAINTENANCE;