## (B) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-SHALL:

- (1) SERVE AS THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE COMMISSION:
  - (2) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE FUND; AND
- (3) PERFORM ANY OTHER DUTIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AS DEFINED BY THE COMMISSION.
- (A) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY, THE COMMISSION MAY EMPLOY ON A CONTRACTUAL BASIS AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHOSE SALARY SHALL BE PAYABLE OUT OF THE PREVENTION FUND. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSION, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE SECRETARY. THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 64A OF THE CODE.
- (B) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL OPERATE AND EXERCISE THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SECRETARY.
- (C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY EMPLOY ON A CONTRACTUAL BASIS STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET AND PAYABLE OUT OF THE PREVENTION FUND.

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IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POWERS AND FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND FUNCTIONS:

- (1) TO ACT AS A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO METHODS FOR THE PREVENTION OF LEAD POISONING AND THE ASSISTANCE NEEDED BY CLAIMANTS WHO HAVE BEEN LEAD POISONED;
- (2) (1) TO REQUEST FROM ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND SUCH AGENCIES ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE, ASSISTANCE, SERVICES, AND DATA THAT WILL ENABLE THE COMMISSION TO CARRY OUT PROPERLY ITS FUNCTIONS AND POWERS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBTITLE;
- (3) TO HOLD BOTH INFORMATIONAL AND CONTESTED CASE HEARINGS AND TO MAKE INQUIRIES AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR IT TO CARRY OUT PROPERLY ITS FUNCTIONS AND POWERS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;
- (4) FOR PURPOSES OF THESE HEARINGS AND INQUIRIES, TO ADMINISTER OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS, EXAMINE WITNESSES AND DOCUMENTS, TAKE TESTIMONY AND RECEIVE EVIDENCE, COMPEL THE