

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - State Government**

2-1206.

(a) Subject to the policies and directives of the PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, AND THE Joint Budget and Audit Committee, the Director has general administrative control of the operation of the Department and its units.

(b) The Director shall serve in a nonpartisan capacity and conduct departmental affairs in a nonpartisan manner.

2-1206.1.

(A) THERE SHALL BE A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER.

(B) (1) FOR 1 YEAR AFTER APPOINTMENT AND, IF THE DIRECTOR EXTENDS THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD, FOR 1 ADDITIONAL 6-MONTH PERIOD, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHALL SERVE ON ON A PROBATIONARY BASIS AND MAY BE DISMISSED BY THE DIRECTOR WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER.

(2) AFTER THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHALL SERVE WITHOUT A FIXED TERM AND, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER, MAY BE REMOVED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2-1207(G) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR IS ENTITLED TO THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(D) THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS ASSIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR AND IS AUTHORIZED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR DURING THE ABSENCE OF THE DIRECTOR.

(E) THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHALL DEVOTE FULL TIME TO THE DUTIES OF OFFICE.

2-1209.

The following units are in the Department:

- [(1) the Division of Audits;
- (2) the Division of Budget Review; and
- (3) the Division of Fiscal Research.]