

[Part V. Division of Fiscal Research]

[2-1231.

There is a Division of Fiscal Research in the Department.]

[2-1232.

(a) The head of the Division of Fiscal Research is the Director of the Division, who shall be appointed by the Director of the Department with the approval of the President and the Speaker.

(b) (1) For 1 year after appointment and, if the Director of the Department extends the period, for 1 additional 6-month period, the Director of the Division of Fiscal Research is in a probationary status and may be dismissed by the Director of the Department with the approval of the President and the Speaker.

(2) After the probationary period, the Director of the Division serves without a fixed term and, with the approval of the President and the Speaker, may be removed as provided in § 2-1207(g) of this subtitle.

(c) Subject to the policies and directives of the Director of the Department and the Joint Budget and Audit Committee, the Director of the Division of Fiscal Research has general administrative control of the operation of the Division.

(d) The Director of the Division of Fiscal Research shall devote full time to the duties of office.]

[2-1233.

With the approval of the Director of the Department, the Director of the Division of Fiscal Research shall appoint professional staff.]

[2-1234.

(a) The Division of Fiscal Research is responsible for research into nonbudgetary fiscal matters that affect the State.

(b) In addition to any duties set forth elsewhere, the Division of Fiscal Research shall:

(1) provide to the General Assembly and its committees staff services on fiscal matters;

(2) collect, index, and publish comprehensive information on the taxable basis, revenue yield, and expenditures of each municipal corporation, special taxing district, and county in the State;

(3) exchange, with federal and State units, information on taxation and related matters;

(4) conduct studies on the fiscal relationships of the State with its units and with local governments;