

(5) conduct studies on the operation, administration, staff, and physical plants of each unit of the State government; and

(6) as directed by the General Assembly, the Legislative Policy Committee, or the Joint Budget and Audit Committee:

(i) subject to § 2-1312 of this title, submit reports on the studies on units of the State government; and

(ii) conduct other special studies and do other special reports.

(c) (1) When the Division of Fiscal Research receives the report of a political subdivision under Article 24, § 2-101 of the Code, the Division shall examine the report.

(2) (i) If the Division of Fiscal Research finds that the report is incomplete or otherwise inadequate, the Division shall send to the financial officer of the political subdivision notice of each item that is inadequate. The Division shall send the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, under a postmark of the United States Postal Service.

(ii) Within 10 days after the financial officer receives notice under this paragraph, the financial officer shall submit an adequate report.

(3) When the Division of Fiscal Research is satisfied that a report meets the requirements of Article 24, § 2-101 of the Code, the Division shall:

(i) file the report in a special file, which shall be open, during normal business hours, for inspection; and

(ii) on request and payment of a reasonable fee set by the Department, provide a certified copy of the report.

(4) The Division of Fiscal Research shall keep each report for 3 years.]

2-1408.

In this Part II of this subtitle [,]:

(1) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES; AND

(2) "Office" means the Legislative Accounting Office.

2-1409.

There is a Legislative Accounting Office in the Legislative Branch of the State government. THE OFFICE IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES.

2-1410.

(a) The Office shall have the staff determined by the [President and the Speaker] DIRECTOR and provided in the State budget.