

- (6) the Secretary of Higher Education[; and
- (7) the Director on Aging].

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(a) The Executive Branch of the State government shall have not more than 21 principal departments, each of which shall embrace a broad, functional area of that Branch.

(b) The principal departments of the Executive Branch of the State government are:

- (1) AGING;
- (2) Agriculture;
- [(2)] (3) Budget and Management;
- [(3)] (4) Business and Economic Development;
- [(4)] (5) the Environment;
- [(5)] (6) General Services;
- [(6)] (7) Health and Mental Hygiene;
- [(7)] (8) Housing and Community Development;
- [(8)] (9) Human Resources;
- [(9)] (10) Juvenile Justice;
- [(10)] (11) Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;
- [(11)] (12) Natural Resources;
- [(12)] (13) Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- [(13)] (14) State Police; and
- [(14)] (15) Transportation.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before July 1, 1999, the Department of Aging shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on a strategic plan to prepare Maryland for the growth of the elderly population in the State over the next 30 years. The report shall include recommendations for:

- (1) Using information technology to provide older Marylanders with user-friendly computerized access to services provided by the State, local jurisdictions, and the private sector;
- (2) Streamlining and coordinating systems for processing requests for information about services for the elderly provided by State and local agencies;