

(C) (1) THE SECRETARY SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND IS RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR. THE SECRETARY SHALL ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON ALL MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE GOVERNOR'S POLICIES ON THESE MATTERS.

(2) THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO PROMOTE THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE SECRETARY MAY ESTABLISH, REORGANIZE, OR ABOLISH AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE DEPARTMENT AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE DUTIES ASSIGNED BY THE SECRETARY.

(D) THE SECRETARY IS ENTITLED TO THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

### Article - State Government

8-103.

The Council includes:

- (1) the Governor;
- (2) the Lieutenant Governor;
- (3) the Secretary of State;
- (4) the secretary of each principal department of the Executive Branch of the State government;
- (5) the State Superintendent of Schools; AND
- (6) the Secretary of Higher Education[; and
- (7) the Director on Aging].

8-201.

(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;