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"Department" § 1-101

"State" § 1-101

2-207. ANNUAL REPORT.

(A) ACTIVITIES.

ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON ITS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

(B) STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES.

THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83A, § 1-204.

The Economic Development Article Review Committee notes, for the consideration of the General Assembly, that the reporting date for Commission activities in subsection (a) of this section makes little sense. Former Art. 83A, § 1-204(a) was originally enacted as a requirement to report by "January 15 of each year ... on the activities of the Commission during the previous year", *i.e.*, a report submitted on January 15, 1996 was meant to include the Commission's activities in calendar year 1995. However, subsequent legislation that consolidated many reporting requirements throughout State government substituted the reference to "December 31" for the former reference to "January 15". See Ch. 5 of 1997. It appears that subsection (a) of this section requires the report submitted on December 31, 2006 to include information on the Commission's activities in calendar year 2005, although it could also refer to the activities in fiscal year 2006.

Recent Commission practice has been to submit the report on activities for a given calendar year as soon as possible after the end of the calendar year. The Committee recommends that the required date be clarified through substantive legislation. Options include a reporting deadline of: (1) January 31 for activities in the previous calendar year; (2) December 31 for activities in the previous fiscal year; and (3) December 31 for activities in that calendar year.

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