

**Advisory Commission on Federal-Local Relations**

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The Joint Committee on Federal Relations, formerly the Maryland Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation, was created by Chapter 401, Acts of 1983. The Committee monitors and evaluates the relations between State and federal government, and the impact of proposals to alter those relationships on the State, local government, and Maryland citizens. It informs State legislative and executive officials concerning federal relations and the impact of proposals for change. The Committee serves also as a forum for the consideration of certain State-local issues. In addition, it endeavors to advance cooperation between the State and other units of government by formulating proposals for the adoption of compacts, the enactment of uniform or reciprocal statutes, the adoption of uniform or reciprocal administrative rules, the informal cooperation of governmental offices with one another, the personal cooperation of government officials and employees with one another, and the exchange and clearance of research and information.

The Committee consists of sixteen members, with eight members of the Senate appointed by the President and eight members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House designate the chairperson and vice-chairperson (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-901 through 2-906).

The Advisory Commission on Federal-Local Relations meets from time to time to consider issues of concern to the Joint Committee on Federal Relations. The Advisory Commission consists of an equal number of members of the Senate and House of Delegates appointed, respectively, by the President and the Speaker (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-907 through 2-909).

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS**

*Senate Chairperson:* Leo E. Green

*House Chairperson:* Gary R. Alexander

Members from the Senate: Clarence W. Blount;  
Thomas L. Bromwell; Laurence Levitan.

Members from the House of Delegates: Nancy K. Kopp; Robert R. Neall; Eileen M. Rehrmann.

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The Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds was created by Chapter 635, Acts of 1973. The Committee reviews policies and procedures of the State Treasurer regarding the investment and management of State funds in the Treasury, State funds not in the Treasury (excluding retirement system funds), and public funds by local government. It reports annually to the General Assembly.

The Committee consists of eight members, four from the Senate and four from the House of Delegates, appointed by the President and the Speaker. The chairperson and vice-chairperson are designated by the President and Speaker jointly and serve at their pleasure (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-801 through 2-806).

**SPENDING AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE**

*Senate Chairperson:* Laurence Levitan

*House Chairperson:* R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.

Members from the Senate: Raymond E. Beck;  
Clarence W. Blount; Leo E. Green; Dennis F. Rasmussen.

Members from the House of Delegates: Tyras S. Athey; John W. Douglass; Robert R. Neall;  
Donald B. Robertson.

*Ex officio:* Francis X. Kelly, *designee of President of the Senate;* Benjamin L. Cardin, *Speaker of the House of Delegates.*

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The Spending Affordability Committee was established by Chapter 585, Acts of 1982, to study and review the status and projections of State revenues and expenditures and the status and projections of the Maryland economy. The Committee's purpose is to limit the rate of growth of State spending to a level that does not exceed the rate of growth of the State's economy.

By November 1 of each year, the Spending Affordability Committee submits a report to the Legislative Policy Committee and the Governor with recommendations for the fiscal goals of the budget to be considered at the next General Assembly session. The report includes recommended levels of State spending, new debt authori-