

and it maintains a library of books, pamphlets, reports, periodicals, and clippings on matters of current public and political interest (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-1301 through 2-1309). The Department operates through the Office of the Director and four divisions that provide: legislative services, statutory revision, research and information services, and computer and proofreading services.

## LEGISLATIVE DIVISION

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The Legislative Division provides several specific staff services to the General Assembly. The Division drafts or reviews nearly all bills and amendments introduced or considered by the General Assembly. In a typical year, the Division writes over 4,500 bills and joint resolutions and prepares over 10,000 amendments to them.

The Division also provides professional staff services to six of the ten major working committees of the General Assembly (4 House committees and 2 Senate committees). During the annual legislative session, these members of the Division staff work under the specific direction of the chairpersons of the committees, and under the general direction of the Division. During the interim between sessions, the Division provides staff support for several legislative statutory and special joint committees, task forces, and commissions. The Division staff also helps prepare informational materials and reports distributed by the Department to the General Assembly.

## DIVISION OF STATUTORY REVISION

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By Chapter 182, Acts of 1972, the Division of Statutory Revision was created within the Department of Legislative Reference. The Division is also known as the Code Revision Division. It is headed and administered by the Revisor of Statutes, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Division's major responsibility is the direct ongoing preparation of a comprehensive revision and restatement of the statutory body of law of Maryland, the first such revision since 1888 (Code State

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## RESEARCH DIVISION

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The Research Division has two functions. Research analysts provide scientific, econometric, and policy analysis for committees, members, and staff of the General Assembly. Legislative librarians provide reference and research services to the public as well.

The Library collection of 49,758 volumes consists of Maryland laws and related legislative and legal materials, laws and publications of the other states, federal documents, and general reference materials. Reference materials do not circulate except to General Assembly members, their staff, and State agency personnel.

Bill status and other legislative information is provided by the Library and its Information Desk. Through the Library, the Department serves as an official depository for the publications of Maryland State agencies and for all the local codes published by county and municipal governments (Code 1957, Art. 25, sec. 32A; Art. 25A, sec. 7; Art. 25B, sec. 7, 12; State Government Article, sec. 2-1312; Education Article, sec. 23-2A-01). *Maryland Documents*, a list of State agency publications, is published monthly.

Research analysts are trained in technical disciplines and participate in a nationwide information network of universities, government, and private laboratories, research centers, and professional organizations.

## COMPUTER DIVISION

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The Computer Division operates data processing equipment for the preparation of bills, the entry and maintenance of data into the bill status system, and the preparation of several Departmental publications. These publications include committee hearing schedules, synopses of laws, and legislative indexes. The work of the Division's proofreading staff complements the Division's data processing.