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## PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

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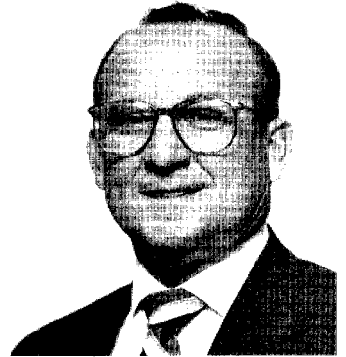
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Within the Executive Branch are fifteen principal departments of government: Agriculture; Budget and Fiscal Planning; Economic and Employment Development; Education; Environment; General Services; Health and Mental Hygiene; Housing and Community Development; Human Resources; Juvenile Services; Licensing and Regulation; Natural Resources; Personnel; Public Safety and Correctional Services; and Transportation. The head of each department, except for Education, is the Secretary. Appointed by the Governor (subject to Senate confirmation), the Secretary serves at the Governor's pleasure. The State Department of Education is headed by the State Board of Education. The Board appoints to a four-year term the State Superintendent of Schools who directs the Department.

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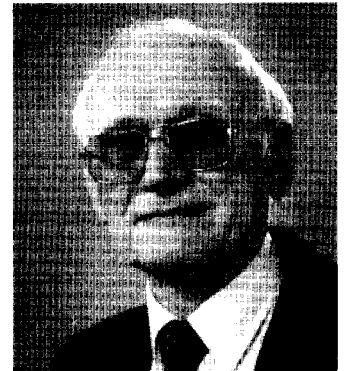
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