

Annual Report to General Assembly on any recommendations on the Office of Treasurer due before 1st day of regular session.

The Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds started in 1973 (Chapter 635, Acts of 1973). The Committee reviews policies and procedures of the State Treasurer on the investment and management of State funds in the Treasury, State funds not in the Treasury (excluding retirement system funds), and public funds invested and managed by local government.

The Committee has eight members: four senators named by the Senate President, four delegates chosen by the House Speaker. The chair and vice-chair are named jointly by the President and Speaker (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-801 through 2-806).

SPENDING AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

Barbara A. Hoffman, *Senate Chair*
Nancy K. Kopp, *House Chair*

Staff: Julie M. Bean (410) 841-3736

Annual Report to Governor & Legislative Policy Committee due Dec. 1.

Report to Governor & Legislative Policy Committee on recommendations on fiscal goals for State budget to be considered at next regular session of General Assembly due Dec. 1.

Established in 1982, the Spending Affordability Committee studies and reviews the status and projections of State revenues and expenditures and the status and projections of the Maryland economy (Chapter 585, Acts of 1982). 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.

Annually, the Committee recommends to the Governor and Legislative Policy Committee the fiscal goals of the State government budget to be considered at the next General Assembly session. Committee recommendations cover levels of State spending, new debt authorization, and State personnel, as well as how any surplus may be used.

The Committee includes the Senate President and House Speaker; chairs of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and House Appropriations Committee; the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House or their designees; and an equal number of other senators and delegates chosen by the President and Speaker (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-1001 through 2-1010).

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM

Norman R. Stone, Jr., *Senate Chair*
Ronald A. Guns, *House Chair*

Staff: J. Patrick Ford (410) 841-3870

The Special Joint Committee on the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program was created in 1979 when the Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) was established within the Motor Vehicle Administration (Chapter 421, Acts of 1979). The Committee was not active, however, until 1988 when the Program was continued (Chapter 108, Acts of 1988).

The Committee consults with the Secretary of the Environment and the Secretary of Transportation on the administration of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program. The Committee also advises them on any contract made by the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Secretary of the Environment for administering the Program.

The Committee is composed of three senators appointed by the Senate President and three delegates appointed by the House Speaker (Code Transportation Article, sec. 23-203(c)).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WELFARE REFORM

The Joint Committee on Welfare Reform is to be appointed in 1996.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT & INSURANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

John W. Derr, *Senate Chair*
Vacancy, *House Chair*

Staff: Tamela D. Burt (410) 841-3710

Annual Report to Governor & Legislative Policy Committee due Dec. 31.

The Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee began in 1987 (Chapter 590, Acts of 1987). The Committee evaluates and examines the structure for workers' compensation and benefits in Maryland. The Committee also monitors the effects on that structure of the changes enacted by Chapters 590 and 591, Acts of 1987. To enable the Committee to carry out its function, the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and the Workers' Compensation Commission submit an annual report to the Committee, cooperate with and keep the Oversight Committee fully informed as to the condition of workers' compensation benefits and insurance in Maryland. Committee members are appointed by the Senate President and House Speaker, who name the chair.