

(3) To study the rules and procedure of the Senate and House of Delegates and from time to time recommend changes therein to improve and expedite the consideration of legislation by the General Assembly;

(4) To supervise the work of interim committees or commissions appointed at the direction of the General Assembly or of either House;

(5) To prepare a legislative program in the form of recommendations or bills or otherwise as, in the opinion of the Council, the welfare of the State may require, to be presented at the next session of the General Assembly.

28. In order to carry out its functions the Council

(1) Shall receive recommendations and suggestions for legislation or investigation from the members of the Council, and of the Legislature; from any board, commission, department or officer of the State government or any local government; from bar associations, chambers of commerce, labor unions or other organized groups; and from individual citizens;

(2) Shall refer to the Director of Research for a study and report by the Research Division such of the suggestions and recommendations received as it deems worthy of consideration;

(3) May appoint committees composed of such persons as the Council may select, to serve without compensation, to assist the Council on any subject or matter by study, investigation or advice;

(4) Shall consider the reports of the Director of Research and of such committees and shall make such recommendations thereon as in its opinion the welfare of the State may require;

(5) May hold hearings on any subject or matter whenever it shall consider such hearings necessary or desirable in the performance of its duties;

(6) Shall cause the preparation of such bills as may be necessary to carry out any recommendations of the Council.

29. The Governor may from time to time send the Council messages containing his recommendations for legislation and explaining the policy of the administration on any matter or matters.