

(b)(1) of this section, a reference to these "units" is added. The substitutions and addition clarify that the authority of the Secretary does not extend to the Legislative Branch or the Judicial Branch. See 61 Op. Att'y Gen. 241 (1976), which discusses the effect of the separation of powers doctrine on the seemingly broad authority of the Secretary under former Art. 15A, § 23B -- now Title 2, Subtitle 4 of this article.

In subsection (a)(1) and (2) of this section, the word "entit[y]" is substituted for the former lists "association[s], corporation[s] or institution[s]" and "such ... institutions", for brevity.

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former word "analyze" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad phrase "conduct studies". For conformity, in subsection (b)(4) of this section, the word "study" is substituted for the former word "analyze".

Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the references, in former Art. 15A, § 22, to studying the units of the Executive Branch of the State government "[i]n the interest of economy and efficiency" and "in order to secure information upon which to base recommendations ... as to the appropriations ... of all such agencies" are deleted as unnecessary in light of the duties of the Secretary under subsection (c)(2) of this section and § 7-104 of this subtitle.

Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former phrase "for any purpose whatsoever" is deleted as surplusage.

In subsection (a)(2)(ii) of this section, the former phrase "if deemed necessary" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the word "may".

In subsection (c)(1)(ii) of this section, the reference to consideration of the "functions" of a unit is added to reflect the former reference to identification of duplication or overlap in "functions". However, the former reference to identification of duplication or overlap in "work" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad words "functions" and "duties".

In subsection (c)(2) of this section, the former duty to report "annually" is deleted. Similarly, in subsection (c)(3) of this section, the reference to "each" report is substituted for the former reference to "the" report. The deletion and substitution reflect that, because of the volume of materials generated as a result of these studies, a single annual report on the units of the Executive Branch is