

- (1) DETERMINE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STAFF; AND
- (2) SET THE COMPENSATION OF THE STAFF.

(c) CONSULTANTS.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL OR CONSULTANT SERVICES.

(d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY MAKE AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL PLANNING OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNITS IN THE REGION FOR TEMPORARY TRANSFER OR JOINT USE OF STAFF.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 20A, §§ 2-204(b) and, as it related to staff, 2-202(11).

In subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the former phrase "[w]ithout limiting or restricting the general powers conferred by this article" is deleted as surplusage.

In subsection (d) of this section, the defined term "region" is substituted for the former phrase "jurisdiction of the Council" for clarity.

Also in subsection (d) of this section, the former reference to agreements "with the concurrence of the appropriate public officials" is deleted as implicit in the nature of an agreement made by a unit of local government. The local unit is accountable to its jurisdiction.

Defined terms: "Council" § 13-701
"Executive Director" § 13-701
"Region" § 13-701

13-710. IMMUNITY.

THE COUNCIL HAS THE IMMUNITY FROM SUIT PROVIDED IN § 5-506 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 20A, § 2-202(2), as it related to providing immunity.

Defined term: "Council" § 13-701

13-711. FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

(A) STATE SUPPORT.

(1) EACH YEAR THE STATE SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE COUNCIL IN THE STATE BUDGET.