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(a) The secretary of each principal department serves at the pleasure of the Governor unless otherwise provided by law.

(b) A secretary shall:

(1) receive the salary and have the assistants, employees, and professional consultants provided in the budget, unless otherwise provided by law;

(2) be responsible for establishing policy to be followed by the units of State government within the secretary's department;

(3) be responsible for the efficient and orderly administration of the department;

(4) be responsible for the comprehensive planning of programs and services within the secretary's jurisdiction and for reviewing and approving the plans of all units of State government within the secretary's jurisdiction;

(5) be responsible for the budget of the secretary's office and for the budgets of other units of State government within the secretary's jurisdiction;

(6) be responsible for the organization of the secretary's office and for recommending to the Governor changes in the organization and placement of units of State government within the secretary's jurisdiction; and

(7) recommend to the Governor any modification, abolition, and transfer of advisory bodies within the secretary's jurisdiction.

(c) A secretary may:

(1) appoint officers and employees in the secretary's office as provided in the budget and review the personnel action taken by any unit of State government within the secretary's jurisdiction; and

(2) create the citizen advisory bodies that may be necessary for the operation of the secretary's department.

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