



1 (a) Every State department, State agency, or State institution shall furnish the  
2 Legislative Services Office and the Research, Fiscal Research, Program Evaluation, and  
3 Bill Drafting Divisions any information or records requested by ~~them~~them and access  
4 to any facilities and personnel requested by them. Except when accessibility is  
5 prohibited by a federal statute, federal ~~regulation~~regulation, or State statute, every State  
6 department, State agency, or State institution shall give the Legislative Services Office  
7 and ~~the Fiscal Research Division~~these divisions access to any data base or stored  
8 information maintained by computer, telecommunications, or other electronic data  
9 processing equipment, whether stored on tape, disk, or otherwise, and regardless of the  
10 medium for storage or transmission.

11 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, access to the State Personnel  
12 Management Information System by the Research and Bill Drafting Divisions shall only  
13 be through the Fiscal Research or Program Evaluation Division."

14 **SECTION 3.** Chapter 120 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a  
15 new article to read:

16 "Article 7C.

17 "Program Evaluation Division.

18 "**§ 120-36.11. Duties of Program Evaluation Division.**

19 The Program Evaluation Division of the Legislative Services Commission has the  
20 following powers and duties:

- 21 (1) To examine a program or an activity of a State agency and evaluate the  
22 merits of the program or activity and the agency's effectiveness in  
23 conducting the program or activity.
- 24 (2) To develop quantitative indicators for measuring the number of  
25 activities performed and services provided by a State agency and the  
26 extent to which the activities and services are achieving results.
- 27 (3) To develop unit cost measures to determine the cost of activities  
28 performed and services provided by a State agency.
- 29 (4) To make unannounced visits to a State agency when needed to  
30 evaluate a program or an activity of the agency.
- 31 (5) To make recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness  
32 of a State agency.
- 33 (6) To determine the extent to which a State agency has implemented any  
34 of the Division's recommendations concerning the agency.
- 35 (7) To require a State agency to submit a written response to a proposed or  
36 final recommendation of the Division and to submit a written  
37 explanation of the extent to which the agency has implemented the  
38 Division's recommendations.
- 39 (8) To conduct studies directed by the Legislative Services Commission or  
40 either house of the General Assembly.
- 41 (9) To make periodic reports of the activities and recommendations of the  
42 Division and of any savings achieved by the implementation of its  
43 recommendations."

44 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.