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The department's mission is to provide financial and administrative support services to enhance state government's ability to improve the quality of life for Tennesseans. The department also acts as the chief corporate office of state government.

Many complex processes are required to achieve this mission. The Governor's proposed budget for state government is developed with the oversight of the Commissioner, the Governor's chief financial officer. Centralized accounting and financial reporting of the state's financial activity is also managed by the department. Other processes which provide state government with the necessary infrastructure to work effectively are information resources, capital projects and real property management, insurance administration, and resource development and support.

The department has received various awards for excellence in budget preparation, financial reporting, financial management, and information systems management.

History

Prior to 1959, the financial workings of state government were conducted in various staff divisions of the Governor's office. These offices had titles like Division of Accounts and Division of Budgeting but did not have departmental status. The Reorganization Act of 1959 created the Department of Finance and Administration, consolidating financial or monetary matters of state government into one cabinet-level department.

Services Divisions

Division of Accounts. The Division of Accounts is responsible for processing and recording all accounting entries in the state's centralized accounting system, preparation and distribution of the State payroll, establishment of State accounting policy, and preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Division of Administration. This division handles internal fiscal, personnel, billing, audit, and information systems support issues for the department.

Division of Budget. This division prepares and administers the Governor's annual budget which estimates the revenue and expenditures required to run state government. The annual budget document details the estimates of revenue by source and the planned uses of that revenue by functional area of state government.

Division of Real Property Administration. This division manages the implementation of the state's capital projects programs, and related initiatives, as well as managing state government property, land, and space for housing state employees.

Division of Benefits Administration. This division manages and administers three health insurance programs, one each for employees of state government, local governments, local education entities and Cover Tennessee.

Division of Resource Development and Support. This division provides support services and grants to public and private agencies to promote the quality management of state resources through the division's four units: Contracts Review, Audit and Consulting Services, Criminal Justice Programs, and the Commission on National and Community Service.

Office for Information Resources. The Office for Information Resources (OIR) provides direction, planning, resources and coordination in managing the information systems needs of the state. OIR serves as staff to the Information Systems Council (ISC), and under the ISC's guidance, provides technical direction, services, and infrastructure to the state of Tennessee.

Division of Mental Retardation. This division is responsible for providing services to Tennesseans with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities to meet their individual and family choices and needs for services and support. Services are provided in a variety of settings, ranging from individual supported living in the community to institutional care, to ensure the most integrated environment to meet the needs of each person.

Division of TennCare. TennCare is responsible for the administration of Tennessee's Medicaid waiver program. TennCare provides basic health care and mental health services to people who meet Medicaid eligibility requirements and certain low-income children.

Division of Office of Inspector General. This division has the responsibility to help identify, investigate and prosecute individuals who commit or attempt to commit fraud and/or abuse involving the TennCare program, to recover money lost due to fraud and abuse, and to prevent fraud and abuse from occurring in the future. The division also has responsibility for program integrity for the programs of the Cover Tennessee initiative.

Division of State Health Planning. This division has the responsibility to develop and maintain a State Health Plan which is intended to guide the development of health care policies and programs supported by state government. Also in this division is the E-Health initiative that promotes the maintenance and use of electronic health information by providers.

Cover Tennessee. Cover Tennessee is responsible for providing health insurance to uninsured individuals in Tennessee. CoverTN, the centerpiece of the initiative, partners the state, private employers and individuals to offer guaranteed, affordable basic health coverage for employees of Tennessee's small businesses. Comprehensive coverage for children is provided through CoverKids, and chronically ill adults who have been turned down by insurance companies are covered through AccessTN. CoverRx offers affordable medication to low income uninsured Tennesseans.

Related Boards and Commissions

The Commissioner, in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, serves on the following boards, commissions, and committees: AccessTN Board of Directors, Board of Standards, Council on Pensions and Insurance, Employee Suggestion Award Program, Governor's e-Health Advisory Council, Information Systems Council, Local Education Insurance Committee, Local Government Insurance Committee, Publications Committee, State School Bond Authority, State Building Commission, State Capitol Commission, State Funding Board, State Insurance Committee, State Library and Archives Management Board, Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System's Board of Trustees, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Tennessee Local Development Authority, Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, Trust Company of Tennessee, Tuition Guaranty Fund, Board of Claims, Sick Leave Bank Board, Baccalaureate Education System Trust, and Board of Trustees, Chairs of Excellence.

Commissioner M.D. Goetz Jr.

Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration

M.D. Goetz Jr. serves as commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration. In this role, he is the Governor's chief financial officer for Tennessee state government and manages over a \$25.1 billion budget. He provides executive direction to the department and his office coordinates division activities as they relate to other agencies. The department acts as the chief corporate office of state government and its purview also extends throughout the areas of Budget, TennCare, Mental Retardation, Information Resources, and Capital Projects, among many others. Prior to entering state government, Goetz served as president of the 1,400-member Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry, formerly the Tennessee Association of Business. Before serving as chamber president, Goetz worked for three years (1996-99) as the group's executive vice president, heading up government relations. From 1990 to 1996, he served as executive director of the Tennessee Business Roundtable, a Nashville-based association of business executives. From 1988 to 1990 he was director of government affairs for the Tennessee Association of Business. Before that, he was the chief political reporter for WTVF-TV in Nashville. A Nashville native, he is a graduate of Montgomery Bell Academy and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

