§ 201. Office for the aging; director. 1. There is hereby created within the executive department an office for the aging.

2. The head of such office shall be a director, who shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor. The director shall receive an annual salary to be fixed by the governor within the amount available therefor by appropriation. The director shall also be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him or her in the performance of his or her duties.

3. The director may appoint such officers, employees, agents, consultants and special committees as he or she may deem necessary, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation and provide for reimbursement of their expenses within the amounts available therefor by appropriation. The director, with the advice of the advisory committee for the aging, may promulgate, adopt, amend or rescind rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this article.

4. In carrying out its powers and duties under this title, the office is organized and operated to have as a primary purpose informing and instructing the public, especially the elderly themselves, on subjects beneficial to the community which relate to the needs, abilities, resources, opportunities, rights, entitlements, and other issues affecting older people in New York state.

5. For the purposes of this chapter, "office" shall refer to the state office for the aging created pursuant to this section, and "director" shall refer to the director of the state office for the aging established by this section.