

into a single agency. The Director of the Department is appointed by the Governor. In addition to having executive jurisdiction of the Department, the Director reviews all leases for rental of office space prior to their submission to the Board of Public Works for approval (Code 1951, Art. 15A, sec. 14).

Budget Bureau

The budget functions of the agency are vested in the Budget Bureau, the chief of which is appointed by the Director. The Bureau aids the Director in preparing a tentative budget for the Governor's consideration and reviews all budget amendments presented by the various State agencies. The Bureau may investigate the necessity for all expenditures (Code 1951, Art. 15A, secs. 15-23).

Purchasing Bureau

The head of the Purchasing Bureau is also appointed by the Director. This Bureau is charged with the purchase of all supplies, material and equipment for the use of State agencies. A warehouse is maintained for the storage of supplies paid for out of the Revolving Fund of \$300,000. Supplies stocked by the Warehouse are purchased from it by State agencies who are invoiced and make payment to the Revolving Fund in the same manner as to other vendors. Monthly meetings are held with the superintendents of the various State institutions and other State agencies, at which time samples are examined and contracts awarded (Code 1951, Art. 15A, secs. 24-28).

As of March 1, 1949, the Department assumed the responsibility of distribution of donable foods from the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, to public and private eleemosynary institutions and agencies in the State of Maryland. There are 110 such institutions and agencies serving 24,000 persons.

Appropriations	1953	1954
General Fund	\$295,966	\$312,420
Staff: 58.		

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