

for three-year terms. Three of the members must be members of the Advisory Council on Hospital Construction. Two of the members must be residents of Baltimore City and the remaining members must represent the other geographic area of the State. Nominations are made by the Maryland Hospital Services, Inc., the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, the Hospital Council of Maryland, and any other interested persons.

The Commission is to receive and examine and to approve or disapprove applications from voluntary, non-profit general hospitals of the State for loans from the State funds totaling \$50,000,000 for the construction, expansion, relocation, or modernization of hospital buildings, facilities, and equipment of such hospitals. The Commission is to give general consideration of the current status and operations of such hospitals and to consider plans and needs concerning the adequacy of hospital facilities. Recommendations approving or disapproving the loan requests are made to the Board of Public Works (Code 1957, 1965 Supp., Art. 43, secs. 568A-568G).

Appropriations	1965	1966
General Funds	\$34,978
Staff: 2.		

Public Welfare

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Board of Public Welfare

Chairman: Edmund P. Dandridge, Jr., 1971

Mrs. Ralph O. Dulany, 1967; Howard W. Murphy, 1967; Julius O. Shuger, 1967; W. Richard Ferguson, M.D., 1969; Julian P. King, 1969; Lester S. Levy, 1969; Calhoun Bond, 1971; Mrs. John L. Sanford, 1971.

Raleigh C. Hobson, Director

James A. Vidmar, Assistant Director for Program Operations
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 Juvenile Delinquency Services
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The General Assembly created the State Department of Public Welfare by Chapter 99, Acts of 1939 to supersede the Board of State Aid and Charities established by Chapter 679, Acts of 1900. The Department is the central, coordinating, and directing agency of all welfare activities in the State, including aid to dependent children, old age assistance, public assistance to the needy blind, aid to the permanently and totally disabled, child welfare services, and any other welfare activities financed in whole or in part by the State or Federal government. It has responsibility for medical care to public assistance clients to the extent that funds are provided in appropriations to the State Department of Public Welfare in the State budget, and makes such plans, including contractual relations, with other agencies and institutions as may be necessary to carry this responsibility into effect. The Governor designates the Chairman of the Board and appoints its nine members for six-year terms so arranged that three terms expire on June 1st of every second year (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 2, 3).