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The Social Services Administration was originally established as 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. By Chapter 148, Acts of 1967, the General Assembly modernized the law, bringing it into conformance with practice and clarifying the responsibilities of the boards and directors of the State and local departments. The name of the agency was changed to the Department of Social Services by Chapter 702, Acts of 1968. The Administration adopted its present name by Chapter 96, Acts of 1970 (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 205F (b)).

The Executive Director of Social Services is appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources and serves at his pleasure. The Executive Director is responsible for the organization and administration of the Social Services Administration and for the appointment, under the Merit System Law, of all its personnel (Code 1957, Art. 88A, sec. 2).

The State Board of Social Services is composed of nine members appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources with the approval of the Governor, one of whom the Secretary designates as chairperson. All members serve six-year terms, so arranged that three terms expire on June 30 of every second year. The State Board gives advice and counsel and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Human Resources, the Executive Director of the Social Services Administration, and the Executive Director of the Income Maintenance Administration.

In Baltimore City, the Mayor appoints nine citizens to a local social services commission for staggered six-year terms. The Mayor and the Commissioner of Health serve as ex officio members. In each county, members of the local board of social services are appointed by the local governing authority. Each of these boards consists of nine members. One of these members must be a member of the local governing body, designated on July 1 of each year to serve as the ex officio member of the local social services board. Members of the local social services boards are appointed for three-year terms and no appointee may serve more than two consecutive terms (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 1, 2, 4, 14, 14A).

The Social Services Administration is the central coordinating and directing agency of all so-

cial service activities in the State, including Child Welfare Services (adoption, foster care, protective services to children and families), Child Day Care Services, Adult and Family Services (protective services to adults, homemaker services and community home aides, services to families with children, services to single parents, referrals to the Work Incentive Program, and family planning).

In Baltimore City and in each county there is a local department of social services whose director administers these social services activities within the respective locality subject to the supervision, direction, and control of the State Administration.

The Social Services Administration is responsible for the development and coordination of its services, for determining the factors that seem to contribute to social and family problems, and for recommending changes or new programs to meet some of the problems. In carrying out this responsibility, the Social Services Administration calls upon the local social services departments for leadership within their communities and for participation in statewide activities.

The Social Services Administration supervises all public and private institutions that have the care, custody, or control of dependent, abandoned, or neglected children, except those placed under the supervision of another agency. It licenses agencies and institutions having the care and custody of minors, and registers private homes giving day care services to children. The Social Services Administration maintains a central registry of reported child abuse cases.

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The Maryland Citizen Board for Review of Foster Care for Children was established July 1, 1978 (Chapter 980, Acts of 1978). Authorizing legislation created the agency as a State Board to coordinate the activities of local citizen review boards. The State Board promulgates policies and procedures relating to the functions of local re-