

MENTAL HYGIENE AND WITH FISCAL POLICIES SET IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(k) The Commissioner of Mental Hygiene may provide appropriated funds to public or non-profit organizations for the support of pilot programs or demonstration projects, with the approval of the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene.

(l) In addition to other duties and powers given to him under this subtitle and other provisions of law, the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene with the approval of the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene shall:

(1) promulgate rules and regulations governing the eligibility of local mental health programs to receive State grants under this subtitle;

(2) promulgate rules and regulations prescribing standards for qualifications of personnel and quality of professional services rendered in local mental health programs supported under this subtitle provided that all full or part-time employees or consultants supported with funds under this subtitle shall be recruited, appointed, promoted, and retained without reference to race, creed, or color, and this shall apply to services contracted for by local programs;

(3) promulgate rules and regulations governing eligibility for service provided that no person shall be denied service on the basis of race, creed, color, or the inability to pay for services;

(4) review and evaluate local programs and personnel practices and make recommendations thereon to the local governing body and the local health officer;

(5) provide consultative staff service to subdivisions to assist in ascertaining local needs and in planning and establishing local mental health programs;

(6) review and approve the plans and budgets submitted by local governing bodies for support under this subtitle;

(7) exercise such other powers and duties as may be required for the implementation of this subtitle.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1966.*

Approved April 14, 1966.

CHAPTER 126

(Senate Bill 234)

AN ACT to add a new Article 52A to the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1965 Supplement), title "Juvenile Services", to follow immediately after Article 52 thereof; to repeal Sections 56, 69 and 70 of Article 26 of said Code, title "Courts", subtitle "Juvenile Causes", and to enact new Section 69 in lieu thereof to stand in the place of the section so repealed; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 62 of said Article 26 and of said subtitle "Juvenile Causes" in said Code; to repeal Sections 646 through 666, inclusive, of Article 27 of said Code (1957 Edition and 1965 Supple-