

Public Welfare may prescribe. The [county commissioners of each county and the mayor and city council of Baltimore] *local governing authority in each county and in Baltimore City is [are]* hereby empowered and directed to levy for or appropriate such funds, from time to time, as may be necessary for this purpose. The provisions of this subsection are subject to the requirements of Section 18A of *this Article [88A of this Code]*.

(b-1) Each of the twenty-three [county welfare boards] *local welfare departments in the counties* shall pay to the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland, annually an amount equal to twenty per centum (20%) of the total amount which is required for that year as the State's or employer's contributions to the Retirement System and the system operating under the provisions of the Social Security Act of the United States for the employees of each county, respectively; and the contributions by the State to the Retirement System and the system operating under the provisions of the Social Security Act shall be accordingly reduced. These payments shall be part of the administrative costs of the [county welfare board] *local welfare departments in the counties* to be paid from funds derived from local sources. If the ratio of administrative costs paid from funds derived from local sources varies from time to time to a percentage greater or less than twenty per centum (20%), the payment by the county of a proportion of the contribution to the Retirement System and the system operating under the provisions of the Social Security Act shall be changed accordingly.

In consideration of the membership of the employees of the department of public welfare of Baltimore City in the employees' retirement system of the City of Baltimore, there shall be included in the State budget each year an appropriation item to reimburse the mayor and city council of Baltimore in an amount equal to eighty per centum (80%) of the contribution of the City of Baltimore for that year to the employees' retirement system of the City of Baltimore for such positions in Baltimore City; but the annual reimbursement by the State shall never exceed eighty per centum (80%) of the amount which would be contributed for that year by the State to the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland for such positions if they were included in the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland. If the ratio of administrative costs paid from State and federal funds varies from time to time to a percentage greater or less than eighty per centum (80%), the payment by the State of a proportion of such expense incurred by the mayor and city council of Baltimore shall be changed accordingly.

There shall also be included in the State budget each year an appropriation item to reimburse the mayor and city council of Baltimore in an amount equal to eighty per centum (80%) of the total amount of money paid by the mayor and city council of Baltimore for that year to obtain for the employees of the department of public welfare of Baltimore City the full benefits of the system operating under the provisions of the Social Security Act. If the ratio of administrative costs paid from State and Federal funds varies from time to time to a percentage greater or less than eighty per centum (80%), the payment by the State of a proportion of such expenses paid by the mayor and city council of Baltimore shall be changed