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The organization, rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions of the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City as prescribed in [Section 82 of the Baltimore City Charter (1949 Ed.)] *Section 48 of Article VII of the Charter of Baltimore City, 1964 Revision*, shall not be affected by this Article, except as herein [before] provided, and [but] said Department of Public Welfare in Baltimore City is hereby vested with all the rights, powers, *duties, obligations* and functions which are vested in the [County Welfare Boards] *local welfare departments in the counties* under this Article.

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(a) As used in this subtitle: "State Department" means the "State Department of Public Welfare."

(b) The term "local units" means the ["county welfare boards" created under Sections 13 and 14 of this article, and the department of public welfare of Baltimore City.] *local welfare departments in the counties and in Baltimore City created or continued under the provisions of Section 13 of this Article.*

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(b-1) "County" shall be construed to include the City of Baltimore, unless otherwise specified or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(c) "Dependent child" means a needy child under the age of eighteen years (1) who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the home, or physical or mental incapacity of a parent, and (2) who is living with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, or first cousin, and/or any and all other relatives as the laws of the federal government governing federal aid to *families with dependent children* may from time to time include, in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own home. "Child" shall include an illegitimate child; for the purpose of clause (1), such illegitimate child shall be considered the child of both parents although paternity has not been established by legal proceedings or otherwise, or is in fact unknown; for the purposes of clause (2), such child shall be treated as if it were legitimate in determining relationships through its mother, and also through its father, when the paternity of such child is established to the satisfaction of the local unit by such proof as it deems adequate. Support from relatives shall be regarded as a potential resource and evaluated as to amount and availability, as determined by rule and regulation of the State Department.

(d) In the event that future federal legislation makes available grants in aid to the states for all needy children, the limitations set forth in this section may be rendered null and void by rule and regulation of the State Department, if it is found desirable to conform thereto.

(e) "Assistance" means money payments with respect to a dependent child or children, and payments necessary for services for