

## EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MAY 17, 1979

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WHEREAS, Maryland's present system of categorical public assistance is founded, in part, on a standard of need developed some ten years ago; and

WHEREAS, There is an increasing need to revise that standard in order to accurately reflect the current minimum needs of those genuinely requiring categorical public assistance; and

WHEREAS, There is a corresponding need for that standard to accurately reflect the availability of pertinent service programs and supplementary forms of assistance; and

WHEREAS, There is a similar need for the establishment of such a standard with respect to the program of general public assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY, UNDER THE POWER AND AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 1, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND BY THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, ISSUE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

1. There is a Governor's Commission on Welfare Grants.
2. The Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.
3. The Commission shall study and recommend to the Governor:

A revision to the present standard of need which accurately reflects the current minimal requirements of public assistance recipients in categorical programs, in light of service programs such as the day care program and supplemental assistance programs such as the food stamp program and the medical assistance program; and

A similar standard of need for the program of general public assistance.

4. The Commission shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to both the Governor and the General Assembly of Maryland by November 1, 1979.

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