

bers for six-year terms so arranged that three terms expire on June 1st of every second year (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 2, 3).

In each county there is a County Welfare Board, constituting an administrative department of the local government, which administers under the supervision and control of the State Department the welfare activities within each county, including the care of neglected, dependent, and delinquent children. Each County Board consists of six person appointed for six-year terms by the Board of County Commissioners and one County Commissioner chosen yearly by the Board of County Commissioners (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 13, 14).

The Department investigates the public and private institutions, organizations, and agencies of a charitable nature in the State of Maryland, including those which receive part of their income from the State, but excepting those placed by law under the supervision of another State agency. Each year before the General Assembly convenes, the Director reports to the Governor on activities of the Department and the conditions of all charitable institutions, organizations, and agencies (excepting hospitals) that receive financial aid from the State, and recommends appropriations (Code 1957, Art. 88A, sec. 3). All monies appropriated to institutions, organizations, and agencies, excepting hospitals, are paid on a per capita basis at the rates and subject to regulations established by the State Board of Public Welfare (Code 1957, Art. 88A, sec. 10).

The Department administers the child care laws that regulate child placement in Maryland. It licenses agencies and institutions having the care and custody of minors (Code 1951, Art. 88A, secs. 19-32).

The Department controls and supervises the four State training schools. In developing the program within each training school, including provision for after-care supervision, the Department establishes regulations, standards of care, policies of admission, transfer, and discharge, and may order changes in policies or management. Subject to these limitations, each of the schools is under the general management of its Board of Managers. The Governor appoints the nine members of each Board for terms of six years, so staggered that the terms of at least three members expire every two years (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 33-38).

The Department also administers and supervises the three Forestry Camps for delinquent boys. These Camps have a single advisory board made up of eight members appointed by the Governor from the geographical area in which the camps are located. A field supervisor of the State Department of Public Welfare and a district forester are ex officio members. The Department is authorized by law to transfer to these camps boys from either Boys' Village or the Maryland Training School for Boys who, in its judgment, may benefit from such care (Code 1957, Art. 88A, sec. 39).

In addition the Department will administer the Maryland Children's Center, which will open early in 1960 as a facility for short-term detention and study of children judged delinquent by the Courts. An Advisory Board, composed of nine members appointed by the Governor for six-year staggered terms, assists the Department of Public Welfare in presenting the objectives of the Center to the public and generally advises the Department and the superintendent of the Center (Code 1957, 1958 Supp., Art. 88A, sec. 39A).