

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 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 19, 32).

The Department controls and supervises the three 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, 1962 Supp., 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. The Superintendent of the Camp 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 administers the Maryland Children's Center, opened in 1959, which is a facility for short-term detention and study of boys 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, 1962 Supp., Art. 88A, secs. 39A, 39B).

With this Advisory Board and Superintendent, the Department administers the Thomas J. S. Waxter Children's Center in Laurel, opened in 1963, a 40-bed detention and study facility for boys and girls.

#### **Advisory Council on Child Welfare** (members not yet appointed)

The General Assembly by Chapter 424, Acts of 1963, created an Advisory Council on Child Welfare to the State Department of Public Welfare, with responsibility for advising and initiating activity with respect to problems of child welfare, including prevention and control of illegitimacy. The Council is composed of six persons representing voluntary child welfare organizations and the public appointed by the Governor, who designates one to serve as Chairman, and five other members who are appointed by each of the following to represent the agency indicated: the Chairman of the State Board of Public Welfare; the Commissioner of the State Board of Health; the Commissioner of the State Department of Mental Hygiene; the Director of the State Department of Employment Security; and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. Each of the eleven members of the Council serves at the pleasure of the official by whom he was appointed (Code 1957, 1963 Supp., Art. 88A, sec. 4A).