

eases with particular emphasis on the protection of public school children in Maryland (Res. No. 36, Acts of 1968).

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The Governor appointed this Council in 1968 at the request of the General Assembly as a coordinating unit of State agencies concerned with all the necessary programs and services for the handicapped in Maryland. The Council resulted from one of the recommendations of the Governor's Commission to Study the Educational Needs of the Handicapped Children. It consists of representatives of the State Department of Social Services, the State Department of Education, the State Department of Health, the Department of Mental Hygiene, the Department of Juvenile Services, and the Department of Correctional Services. Representatives of the areas of special education and vocational rehabilitation sit on the Council as two ex officio members without vote (Res. No. 25, Acts of 1968).

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The Department of Mental Hygiene was established by Chapter 685, Acts of 1949 to supersede the Board of Mental Hygiene. This Board, created by Chapter 29, Acts of 1922 as part of a reorganization of the Executive Branch, had carried on and expanded the functions of the State Lunacy Commission, established by Chapter 487, Acts of 1886, to inspect public and private institutions for the insane and to advise their Boards of Managers. The Act of 1949 abolished not only the Board of Mental Hygiene but also the separate governing boards of the State mental hospitals and gave to the new department full and plenary powers over, and supervision of, all matters relating to the custody, care, and treatment of persons of unsound mind. The Department supervises and licenses all institutions, public, private, or corporate in which mental patients are detained (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., 1968 Supp., Art. 59).

The Department is directed by a Commissioner, certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and ap-