

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 148, sec. 27. 1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 3, sec. 27.

44. (Granting of Assistance.) Upon the completion of such investigation, the local unit shall decide whether the child is eligible for assistance under the provisions of this sub-title and determine the amount of such assistance and the date on which such assistance shall begin. It shall make an award which shall be binding upon the county or Baltimore City as the case may be, and be complied with until such an award is modified or vacated. The local unit shall notify the applicant of its decision in writing. Such assistance shall be paid monthly to the applicant upon order of the local unit out of any funds available for said purpose. Provided, however, that no award in excess of the maximum provided under any Federal law for reimbursement shall be made.

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 3, sec. 27A.

45. (Appeal to the State Department.) If an application is not acted upon by the local unit within a reasonable time after the filing of the application, or is denied in whole or in part, or if any award of assistance is modified or cancelled under any provision of this sub-title, the applicant or recipient may appeal to the State Department in the manner and form prescribed by the State Department. The State Department shall, upon receipt of such an appeal, give the applicant or recipient reasonable notice and opportunity for a fair hearing. The State Department may also, upon its own motion, review any decision of a local unit, and may consider any application upon which a decision has not been made by the local unit within a reasonable time. The State Department may make such additional investigation as it may deem necessary, and shall make such decision as to the granting of assistance and the amount of assistance to be granted as in its opinion is justified and in conformity with the provisions of this sub-title. Applicants or recipients affected by such decisions of the State Department shall, upon request, be given reasonable notice and opportunity for a fair hearing by the State Department.

All decisions of the State Department shall be final and shall be binding upon the county or Baltimore City involved and shall be complied with by the local units.¹

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 148, sec. 28.

46. All assistance granted under this sub-title shall be reconsidered as frequently as may be required. The amount of assistance may be changed or assistance may be entirely withdrawn if it appears that the child has reached the age of sixteen years, or that the child's circumstances have altered sufficiently to warrant such action. The local unit may at any time cancel and revoke assistance for cause and it may for cause suspend assistance for such period as it may deem proper.

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 148, sec. 29.

47. Any child qualified for and receiving assistance pursuant to the provisions of this sub-title, in any county of this State, who moves or is taken to another county in this State shall be entitled to receive assistance

¹ Sec. 3 of ch. 3 of Acts of 1937 (Special Session) reads as follows:

If any provisions of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. 4 of said Act repealed all laws inconsistent therewith.