

“State Department of Public Welfare”, sub-title “Aid to Dependent Children”, Sections 37 and 44 having been amended by Chapter 333 of the Acts of 1945, clarifying the provisions of said sections and providing that certain provisions thereof may be rendered null and void in the event of certain Federal legislation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 37, 40, 41 and 44 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement), title “State Department of Public Welfare”, sub-title “Aid to Dependent Children”, Sections 37 and 44 having been amended by Chapter 333 of the Acts of 1945, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

(Definitions.) (a) As used in this sub-title: “State Department” means the “State Department of Public Welfare”.

(b) The term “Local Units” means the “County Welfare Boards” created under Sections 12 and 13 of this Article, and the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City.

(c) “Dependent Child” means a needy child under the age of eighteen years (a) who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the home, or physical or mental incapacity of a parent, and (b) who is living with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, or stepsister, uncle, or aunt, in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own home. “Child” shall include an illegitimate child; for the purpose of clause (a), such illegitimate child shall be considered the child of both parents although paternity has not been established by legal proceedings or otherwise, or is in fact unknown; for the purposes of clause (b), such child shall be treated as if it were legitimate in determining relationships through its mother, and also through its father, when the paternity of such child is established to the satisfaction of the local unit by such proof as it deems adequate. Support from relatives shall be regarded as a potential resource and evaluated as to amount and availability, as determined by rule and regulation of the State Department.

(d) In the event that future Federal legislation makes available grants in aid to the states for all needy children, the limitations set forth in this section may be rendered null and void by rule and regulation of the State Department, if it is found desirable to conform thereto.