

1936, to provide for inclusion of an illegitimate child within the term "child".

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 21 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "State Aid and Charities", sub-title "Aid to Dependent Children", as said section was amended by Chapter 148 of the Acts of the Extraordinary Session of 1936, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

21. Definitions. As used in this sub-title: "State Department" means the "Board of State Aid and Charities".

The term "Local Units" means the "County Welfare Boards" created under Sections 8D and 8E of this Article, and the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City.

"Dependent Child" means a needy child under the age of sixteen 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) whose relatives liable under the law for his support are not able to provide adequate care and support of such child, without public assistance, and (c) 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 (c), 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.

"Assistance" means money payments with respect to a dependent child or children.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, having been passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members of the General Assembly elected to each of the two Houses and the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 22, 1937.