

ly 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.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That two new sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement) as amended by Chapter 148 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1936, title "State Aid and Charities", sub-title "Aid to Dependent Children", said new sections to be known as Sections 21A and 27A, to follow immediately after Sections 21 and 27 respectively of said Article, and to read as follows:

21A. DUTIES OF STATE DEPARTMENT. The State Department shall

(a) Supervise the administration of assistance to dependent children under this Article by local units;

(b) Make such rules and regulations and take such action as may be necessary or desirable for carrying out the provisions of this sub-title. All rules and regulations made by the State Department shall be binding upon the counties or Baltimore City, and shall be complied with by the respective local units;

(c) Prescribe the form of and print and supply to local units such forms as it may deem necessary and advisable;

(d) Cooperate with the Federal government in matters of mutual concern pertaining to assistance to dependent children;

(e) Make such reports, in such form and containing such information, as the Federal government may from time to time require, and comply with such provisions as the Federal government may from time to time find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports;

(f) Exercise all of the powers and perform the duties defined by Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

27A. 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