

the officers and authorized employees thereof, shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations, conduct examinations, subpoena witnesses, require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, records and papers, and may make application to the Circuit Court of the County or the Superior Court of Baltimore City, to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of such books, records and papers.

27. 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 \$18.00 per month for one child in a family, or in excess of \$12.00 per month for any additional child in a family, shall be made. If an application is not acted upon by a local unit within a reasonable time, or is denied or revoked, the applicant may appeal to the State Department, which Department shall give the applicant an 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 a 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. All decisions of the State Department shall be binding upon the local unit involved, and shall be complied with by such local unit.

28. 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 The amount of assistance may be changed or assistance may be entirely withdrawn if it appears that the child has reached the age of sixteen years, or that the child's circumstances have altered sufficiently to warrant such action.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