

Nothing herein shall affect the tenure of office of the present members of said Board.

The members of said Board shall receive no compensation for their services, except such compensation as may be provided in the State Budget, but the actual expenses incurred by them in attending the meetings of the Board or in performance of their duties shall be paid.

2. In order to effectuate the purposes of this Act the Board of State Aid and Charities shall be the central, co-ordinating and directing agency of the welfare activities included within this Act. All of the activities of the County Boards, hereinafter provided for, and of the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City, which the State finances in whole or in part through such Board or Department, shall be subject to the supervision, direction and control of said Board of State Aid and Charities. The said Board shall also investigate, study and consider the whole system of public and private institutions, organizations and agencies of a charitable nature in the State, including those which receive part of their income from the State.

3. Prior to the convening of every regular session of the General Assembly it shall furnish to the Governor a printed report of all its activities and of the condition of all the institutions receiving financial aid from the State on recommendation of the Board; and shall further make such recommendations as to appropriations for such institutions as may seem wise and for the best interests of the State, giving the reasons for such recommendations as fully as may be practicable.

4. No member of said Board nor any of its employees shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract for building, repairing or furnishing in whole or in part, or be financially interested in any contract with any institution coming under the supervision of this Board; nor shall any officer, secretary or employee of any such institution be eligible to appointment on this Board.

5. The Board may, with the approval of the Governor, designate organizations within the State as its agents as may be required for the purposes of this Article; and the Board may, with the approval of the Governor, prescribe regulations necessary for the execution of the purposes of this Article, provided such regulations be not inconsistent therewith.