

tary shall devote his whole time to the duties of the office. The said Board may appoint such other employees as a proper performance of its duties may require. In no case shall the total expenditures of the said Board for administrative expenses exceed the amount appropriated therefor in the State budget.

8A. The appointment and removal of all paid personnel under this Article shall be governed by the provisions of Article 64A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, but in the case of the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City, Sections 203A to 203Q inclusive, of the Baltimore City Charter shall govern. Provided, however, that the Board of State Aid and Charities may prescribe the number, salaries and minimum qualifications of the personnel engaged in the administration of such activities of the local Boards as are financed in whole or in part by the State.

8B. On and after June 1st, 1927, all institutions, agencies and societies whether incorporated or not, except those receiving financial assistance from the State or having contracts with the State, or licensed by any incorporated municipality or district authorized to issue such licenses, as well as all individuals, having the care, custody or control of one or more minors, other than children related by blood or marriage to, or adopted by such individuals, or for whom such individuals are duly appointed guardians, shall obtain an annual license therefor from the State, to be issued by the Board of State Aid and Charities, upon due proof of compliance with rules and regulations designed to secure the proper care of such minors, which rules and regulations the said Board is hereby authorized to establish.

The said Board shall have the same power to investigate and visit any such institutions, agencies, societies or individuals as is now provided by law in the case of corporations, associations, institutions or agencies receiving financial assistance from the State or having contracts with the State, and shall have power to revoke the licenses of any such institutions, agencies, societies or individuals. All such action of the Board is subject to the same right of appeal by any party who shall feel aggrieved at any action of the Board hereunder, as in the case of state-aided institutions. The provisions of Section 378 of Article 27 shall not be construed as limiting the powers herein granted to the said Board.