

hereby authorized to establish. The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons caring for relatives.

Any person or persons and any officer or representative of an institution, agency or society which assumes or exercises the care, custody or control of minor children or the aged in violation of this Section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100 or imprisonment not to exceed three months.

8C. The State Department may, with the approval of the Board, designate existing agencies or organizations within the State as its agents as may in its discretion be desirable or necessary for the purpose of this Article. In the selection of agencies or organizations for the care of children, the State Department shall use only such as shall comply with proper standards for the physical, educational and moral life of the child. Children shall be placed in institutions or homes of the same religious faith as that of the child if there be such institution or home with proper standards.

8D. The State Department of Public Welfare shall be empowered to create or continue in each county a County Welfare Board to be known as such with the name of the county prefixed thereto, which Board shall be an administrative department of the local government. Such Boards shall have authority to administer Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Public Assistance to the Needy Blind and General Public Assistance, Child Welfare Services under Section 521 (a) of the Social Security Act, the investigation and certification of persons eligible for employment on projects of the Works Progress Administration, Public Works Administration and Civilian Conservation Corps, and such Boards shall have authority to administer, handle and distribute Federal surplus commodities in accordance with the rules of the State Department of Public Welfare, as well as work relief and services to families and individuals in need, and the care of neglected, dependent and delinquent children, which care shall include the rendering of probation service to juvenile courts or other courts having jurisdiction over minors.

Administrative costs of the County Welfare Boards for the purpose of this Section shall be paid out of funds derived from local sources or out of allotments from State funds, or both, as the State Department of Public Welfare may prescribe. The County Commissioners and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore are hereby empowered and directed to levy for or appropriate such funds, from time to time, as may be necessary for this purpose.