

mother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, or stepsister, uncle, or aunt, in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own home. "Child" shall include an illegitimate child; for the purpose of clause (a), such illegitimate child shall be considered the child of both parents although paternity has not been established by legal proceedings or otherwise, or is in fact unknown; for the purposes of clause (b), such child shall be treated as if it were legitimate in determining relationships through its mother, and also through its father, when the paternity of such child is established to the satisfaction of the local unit by such proof as it deems adequate. Support from relatives shall be regarded as a potential resource and evaluated as to amount and availability, as determined by rule and regulation of the State Department.

"Assistance" means money payments with respect to a dependent child or children, and payments necessary for services for such children.

No provisions of this section shall be repealed by any other law unless this section is specifically referred to in such repeal.

44. (Granting of Assistance.) 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, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Department, 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. Such assistance shall be paid monthly to the applicant upon order of the local unit out of any funds available for said purpose. Should the fund or funds available be sufficient to permit a grant to only a part of the dependent children coming within the provisions of this sub-title, the local unit shall select in its discretion those in most urgent need of such assistance.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved March 24, 1945.

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CHAPTER 334.

(House Bill 77)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 12, 15, 19 and 31 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Mary-