

(1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Department of Public Welfare", subtitle "In General", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 88A.

3.

The State Department of Public Welfare shall be the central, coordinating and directing agency of all welfare activities in this State, including aid to dependent children, old age assistance, public assistance to the needy blind, general public assistance, aid to the permanently and totally disabled, child welfare services, and any other welfare activities financed in whole or in part by the State or Federal government. It shall have the responsibility for medical care to public assistance clients to the extent that funds are provided in appropriations to the State Department of Public Welfare in the State budget, and make such plans, including contractual relations, with other agencies and institutions as may be necessary to carry this responsibility into effect. It shall exercise supervision, as hereinafter set forth, over all public and private institutions having the care, custody or control of the dependent, [delinquent,] abandoned or neglected children, *except those institutions under the authority of the State Department of Juvenile Services and those agencies, persons, or institutions, designated by that Department as provided for in Article 52A, Section 7.* All of the activities of the county boards, hereinafter provided for, and of the department of public welfare of Baltimore City, which the State finances, in whole or in part, shall be subject to the supervision, direction and control of the State Department of Public Welfare. The State Department shall also investigate, from time to time, the whole system of public and private institutions, organizations and agencies of a charitable nature in this State, including those which receive part of their income from this State, except those placed by law under the supervision of another State agency. Prior to the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly, the Department shall furnish to the Governor a report of its activities and of the condition of all charitable institutions, organizations and agencies, excepting hospitals, receiving financial aid from the State; and it shall make recommendations as to appropriations for such institutions, giving its reasons therefor as fully as may be practicable.

13.

(a) 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, general public assistance, aid to the permanently and totally disabled, child welfare services and the investigation and certification of persons eligible for employment on local, State or Federal projects, or to administer any other program in the field of public welfare, and such boards shall have authority to administer, handle and distribute commodities in accordance with the rules of the State Department of Public Welfare, as well as work, relief and services to families and individuals, and the care of neglected [.] and dependent