

[and delinquent] children [, which care shall include the rendering of probation service to juvenile courts or other courts having jurisdiction over minors].

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That as of July 1, 1967, Sections 33 to 39, inclusive, and Sections 39A and 39B of said Article 88A (1964 Replacement Volume and 1965 Supplement), subtitles "Training Schools for Delinquent Children" and "Maryland's Children's Center and Thomas J. S. Waxter Center", be and they are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, the first Director of the Department of Juvenile Services shall be appointed by the Governor without regard to the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland. He shall be a competent person having adequate training and broad, practical experience in administration and in dealing with institutions and court services for the care, custody, and treatment of children in need of such services. When appointed and after he has assumed the duties of his position, the first Director shall be subject generally to the rights, duties, and privileges of Article 64A of the Code, title "Merit System".

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That all officers and employees engaged in juvenile probation, investigation, and after-care services, INCLUDING SUPERVISORY AND HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN JUVENILE PROBATION OR DELINQUENCY SERVICES AND ALL PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY ANY OF THE SEVERAL JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS, and ancillary clerical staff, who as of the effective date of this Act JULY 1, 1967, have been so engaged for not less than the preceding six months by the State Department of Parole and Probation, the State Department of Public Welfare, any local probation department, any juvenile court, or any other court engaged in juvenile work or having jurisdiction in juvenile causes, may at their election, transfer as of July 1, 1967, to the employment of the State and of the State Department of Juvenile Services. The transfer to the State Department of Juvenile Services shall be fully subject to the provisions of Articles 64A and 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, titles "Merit System" and "Pensions", with no diminution in compensation, OR status, ~~vacation and sick allowance,~~ and without the requirement of any further examination of qualification; and thereafter in their employment in the State Department of Juvenile Services they shall be fully subject to the rights, duties, and privileges of these Articles 64A and 73B. Any such transferee who had been a member of an actuarial retirement system for any municipal corporation shall automatically be included in the State System under the provisions of Articles 64A and 73B, titles "Merit System" and "Pensions". Any such transferee who had not heretofore been a member of an actuarial retirement system shall not be entitled to past service credit, however, he may increase his contributions in order to provide for an additional annuity under Section 14 of Article 73B.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That as of July 1, 1967, any and all excess records, files and equipment credited or belonging to or in the custody or possession of the several employees and agencies