

*of all local welfare departments and other agencies and institutions under the supervision of the State Department, subject to the rules and regulations established by the State Board and the State and Federal laws governing public welfare administration.*

(c) *It shall be the duty of the State Director to submit the budget estimates for the State Department to the State Board for the approval of the budget prior to submission to the Governor.*

(d) *The State Director may appoint such employees as a proper performance of the duties of the State Department may require, as provided from time to time in the budget. The appointment and removal of all paid personnel under this Article shall be governed by the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, but in the case of the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City, Sections 108 to 122, inclusive, of Article VII of the Charter of Baltimore City, 1964 Revision, shall govern; except that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 48(b) of Article VII of the said Charter, the Mayor of Baltimore City shall appoint the successors to the present incumbent of the position of Director of the Department of Welfare in Baltimore City when the present term of the present incumbent expires, or, if the position should be vacated sooner by the present incumbent, from a Merit System list under the provisions of the said Sections 108 to 122, inclusive, of Article VII of the said Charter of Baltimore City.*

3.

(a) The State Department of Public Welfare shall be the central, coordinating and directing agency of all welfare activities in this State, including aid to *families with 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.] *Department of Public Welfare.*

(b) *The State Department [It] shall have 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.*

(c) *The State Department [It] shall exercise supervision, as hereinafter set forth, over all public and private institutions having the care, custody or control of [the] dependent, 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.*

(d) *All of the activities of the local welfare departments in the counties and in Baltimore City (which term includes the Department of Public Welfare in Baltimore City), hereinafter provided for, [county boards, hereinafter provided for, and of the department of public welfare of Baltimore City,] which the State Department of Public Welfare finances, in whole or in part, shall be subject to the supervision, direction and control of the State Department of Public Welfare.*