

(e) 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.

(f) Prior to the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly, the State 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.

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(a) It shall be the duty of the attorney to [the County Commissioners of each of the several counties of the State, or an attorney to be designated by the County Commissioners, to institute and defend all civil cases in which any county welfare board is an interested party. All such suits shall be instituted in the name of the welfare board of such county.], *or an attorney to be designated by, the local governing authority in each county of the State and in Baltimore City, as defined in Section 4 of this Article, to institute and defend all civil cases in which its local welfare department is an interested party. All such suits shall be instituted in the name of the local welfare department.*

(b) Whenever such attorneys institute suit for the recovery, from the estate of a recipient of any type of public assistance, of the amount paid to such recipient during his life time, or whenever such attorneys institute suit for the recovery, from a recipient of any type of public assistance, of the amount paid to such recipient prior to his coming into possession of any property or income in excess of the amount stated in his application for assistance and in excess of his need, such attorneys may be allowed such fees for their services as may be fixed by the court, and the amount of such fees allowed by the court shall be deducted from the gross amount of the recovery in each case, and the net amount of the recovery turned over to the [county welfare board to be divided between the State, the county, and the Federal Government in proportion to the amount paid by each respectively] *local welfare department, to be divided between the State, the county or Baltimore City as the case may be, and the Federal Government in proportion to the amount paid by each respectively.*

(c) For such other legal services as are required of such attorneys on behalf of [county welfare boards and not provided for otherwise, they shall be paid such fees as may be established, from time to time, by the State Department, the cost thereof to be borne from regular administrative funds.] *local welfare departments and not provided for otherwise, they shall be paid such fees as may be established, from time to time, by the State Department, the cost thereof to be borne from regular administrative funds.*

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If any applicant or recipient is incompetent or unable to handle the assistance granted him, and has no legal guardian, *trustee* or