

ARTICLE 70B
COMMISSION ON THE AGING

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(a) Six members of the Commission shall be, ex officio, the Director of the State Department of Health, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Hygiene, the Director of the State Department of [Public Welfare] *Social Services*, the State Superintendent of Schools, the Executive Director of the Department of Employment Security, and the Director of the State Planning Department.

ARTICLE 88A

State Department of [Public Welfare] *Social Services*.

1. Department established; State Board of [Public Welfare] *Social Services*.

(a) There is hereby created and established a new State Department, to be known as the "State Department of [Public Welfare] *Social Services*," hereinafter referred to as the "State Department." There shall be a "State Board of [Public Welfare] *Social Services*," hereinafter referred to as the "State Board," composed of nine members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be designated by the Governor as chairman. All members of the State Board shall hold office for terms of six years, the terms of three members expiring on June 30 of every second year. The members of the State Board who are in office on July 1, 1967 shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms. In case of a vacancy for any reason, the Governor shall appoint a member for the remainder of any unexpired term. The members of the State Board shall receive no salary for their services, but their reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings or performing other official duties shall be paid.

(b) The State Board shall determine basic [public welfare] *social service and public assistance* policies and rules and regulations relative thereto consistent with and in implementation of federal and State law governing the administration of [public welfare activities] *social services and public assistance* financed in whole or in part by the State Department [of Public Welfare]; and it shall otherwise advise and counsel the State Director of [Public Welfare] *Social Services* who shall be appointed as hereinafter provided in the performance of his duties. The State Board's responsibility for policy shall be construed to extend to such matters as program scope, eligibility standards, levels of assistance, intergovernmental relations and other facets affecting the basic public interest. The State Board, however, shall exercise no administrative authority dealing with the activities and personnel of the State Department, except as provided in subsection (c) hereof.

(c) The State Board may prescribe the number, salaries and minimum qualifications of all of the personnel engaged in the administration of the activities of the State Department and of the local [welfare] departments of *social services (hereinafter referred to as "local departments")*, created or continued under the provisions of Section 13 of this article, as are financed in whole or in part by the State Department [of Public Welfare].