

*functions which are vested in the local departments in the counties under this Article.*

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(a) Coordinating agency of [welfare] *social service and public assistance* activities.—The State Department [of Public Welfare] shall be the central, coordinating and directing agency of all [welfare] *social service and public assistance* 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] *social service and public assistance* activities financed in whole or in part by the State Department [of Public Welfare].

[(b) Responsibility for medical care to public assistance clients.—The State Department shall have responsibility for medical care to public assistance clients to the extent that funds are provided in appropriations to the Department 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.]

(b) *Supervision of activities of local departments.—All of the activities of the local departments in the counties and in Baltimore City, which the State Department finances, in whole or in part, shall be subject to the supervision, direction and control of the State Department.*

~~e3~~ (C) The State Department shall exercise supervision, as hereinafter set forth, over all public and private institutions having the care, custody or control of 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) Supervision of activities of local welfare departments.—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, 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.]

(d) *To enable the State Department to discharge properly the duties imposed upon it, the State Department may of its own motion, or by the direction of the Governor shall, cause charges to be formulated against any corporation, association, institution or agency engaged in charitable or social services or welfare activities, except State-aided hospitals, receiving financial assistance from the State or with which the State has contracts, and cause a copy of such charges to be served on such corporation, association, institution or agency. The State Department shall have power to issue summonses for witnesses and documents, ~~with~~ WHICH summonses shall be duly served, as are other similar writs, by any sheriff to whom the same shall be directed, and to administer oaths, and take testimony which it shall cause to be transcribed and included in its report. The Gov-*