

fare 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; and shall have power to issue summonses for witnesses and documents, 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 Governor, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, is hereby authorized and empowered to withhold, in whole or in part, further payments to any such institution or agency out of current or future appropriations, upon recommendation of the State Department of Public Welfare if in its judgment the facts warrant, and by budget amendment to transfer any part of such appropriation so withdrawn to any other institution or agency of a like nature, upon recommendation of the State Department of Public Welfare.

(b) Visiting institutions.—The State Department of Public Welfare shall have further power to visit any State-aided institution, organization, or agency engaged in welfare activities, and thoroughly to inspect the management, buildings and equipment thereof; but such visits and inspections shall be made at reasonably convenient hours and with reasonable regard to the established discipline, regulations and customs of the said institution, organization or agency.】

【10. Payment of appropriations.

All monies appropriated to charitable institutions, organizations or agencies, excepting hospitals, shall be paid to them on a per capita basis at the rates and subject to the rules and regulations established by the State Board of Public Welfare.】

【12.

Designation of agencies.—The State Department may, with the approval of the Board, designate existing agencies or organizations within the State as its agents as may in its discretion be desirable or necessary for the purpose of this article.】

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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 committee, the circuit court of the counties, or the equity courts of Baltimore City, upon petition of any of the local 【welfare】 departments in the counties or Baltimore City, and with the consent of the next of kin, next friend, natural guardian or custodian of the applicant or recipient, shall have the power after notice and hearing to appoint a competent person as his legal representative for assistance, without bond, whose duty shall be without compensation to receive, manage and disburse the recipient's assistance on his behalf and to make true and accurate account thereof as often as required. Funds in the hands of any such legal representative for assistance shall be expended only for the purposes contemplated by this article, or as directed in the grant of assistance.