

and commodities and to manage and dispose of same in whatever manner may be required by federal law, and to take advantage of the federal Social Security Act and any amendments and supplements thereto, and any other federal act relating to **[public welfare]** *social services and public assistance*.

**[16.**

The organization, rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions of the department of public welfare of Baltimore City as prescribed in Section 48 of Article VII of the Charter of Baltimore City, 1964 Revision, shall not be affected by this article, except as herein provided, and said department of public welfare in Baltimore City is hereby vested with all the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions which are vested in the local welfare departments in the counties under this article.]

18A.

(a) In Baltimore City and each of the counties, a sum equal to ten cents on each hundred dollars of assessable property shall be the maximum aggregate contribution required from each such local government at any time under the several **[public welfare]** *social service or public assistance* programs and activities to which this section applies. This subsection is not to be construed to impose the full amount of that maximum if otherwise it would not be required.

(b) This section applies to the following **[public welfare]** *social service or public assistance* programs and activities: (1) public assistance to the needy blind (with particular reference to Sections 20 and 27 of Article 30 of this Code); (2) old-age assistance (with particular reference to Sections **[10 and 17 of Article 70A of this Code];** *72 and 79 of this Article*); (3) general public assistance; (4) aid to permanently and totally disabled; (5) child welfare services; (6) aid to *families with dependent children* (with particular reference to Section 56 of *this Article*); **[(Article 88A of this Code);]** (7) any other **[welfare]** *social service or public assistance* activity financed in whole or in part by funds of the State or the federal governments; and (8) administrative, retirement and social security expenses for **[public welfare]** *social service* employees (with particular reference to Sections **[13(b) and 13(b-1) of Article 88A of this Code].** *13(c) and 13(d) of this Article*). This section shall not apply to the program of general public assistance to employables, the donable foods program and the federal Food Stamp Act of 1964 or any amendments thereto, including rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be so construed as to compel any county or the City of Baltimore to participate in said programs of general public assistance to employables, donable foods or the federal food Stamp Act of 1964.

(c) The State Department **[of Public Welfare]** shall compute regularly the aggregate tax rates imposed and probably necessary to be imposed by Baltimore City and each of the counties for the several programs and activities listed in subsection (b), and shall notify the Governor thereof. A monetary sum representing any portion of this aggregate for any such political subdivision which would exceed a maximum as specified in subsection (a) shall be