

(b) The Commission shall disseminate information in the interest of physical fitness programs in this State by publication, advertisement, conferences, workshops, programs, lectures, and other means.

(c) It shall collect and assemble pertinent information and data available from other departments and agencies of the State government.

(d) The Commission, *with the approval of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene*, may employ professional, technical, clerical stenographic, and other personnel to carry out its duties and functions within the limits of budgetary appropriations from time to time. None of the employees or officers of the Commission are subject to the provisions contained in Article 64A of this Code, title "Merit System."

(e) The funds for the Commission which are included in the budget from time to time shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) annually.

343.

(a) The Commission shall meet regularly at the call of the Governor, *the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene*, the Executive Director, or the chairman. Twelve members are a quorum. The Commission shall adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary and proper to govern its procedure and business.

(b) The Commission shall make an annual report to the Governor, [and] the members of the General Assembly, *and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene*, including therein suggestions and recommendations for protecting and improving the physical fitness of the residents of this State.

344.

(a) The Governor, *upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene*, shall appoint in each county and the City of Baltimore a local physical fitness commission, each to be composed of from fifteen to twenty-five residents of the particular political subdivision. Such appointments shall be made from persons who have shown an interest in physical fitness. All members of these commissions shall serve without pay. From time to time the [Governor] *Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene* shall name one member of each commission as its chairman.

(b) If the federal government or any agency or officer thereof offers to the State or to any such political subdivision services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds by way of gift, or grant for purposes of physical fitness, the State of Maryland, acting through the Governor and the Board of Public Works, may accept such offer and may authorize any officer of the State or of one of the political subdivisions as the case may be to receive and utilize such aid and assistance. Similarly, if any other person, firm or corporation offers to the State or to one or more of the political subdivisions any such aid or assistance for purposes of physical fitness, the offer may be accepted and the receiving and use of the aid and assistance may be authorized with the consent of the Governor and of the Board of Public Works.