

record shall promptly be made of the circumstances [to ascertain] *establishing* the dependency of the child [or] *and* the facts supporting the application made under this subtitle, and such other information as may be required by the State Department. [The investigation shall, if possible, include a visit to the home of the child, and of the person who will have the custody of the child during the time assistance is granted.] Each local unit and the State Department and the officers and authorized employees thereof [.] shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations, conduct examinations, subpoena witnesses, require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, records and papers, and may make application to the circuit court of the county or the Superior Court of Baltimore City [.] to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of such books, records and papers.

52.

[Upon the completion of such investigation, the] *The* local unit shall decide whether the child is eligible for assistance under the provisions of this subtitle and determine, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Department, the amount of such assistance and the date on which such assistance shall begin. It shall make an award which shall be binding upon the county or Baltimore City as the case may be, and be complied with until such an award is modified or vacated. The local unit shall notify the applicant of its decision. Such assistance shall be paid monthly to the applicant upon order of the local unit out of any funds available for said purpose. Should the fund or funds available be insufficient to make payments in accordance with the amount of assistance established to be needed, the State Department shall, by rule and regulation, provide for a uniform method of adjusting individual payments.

70.

Whenever a local unit receives an application for assistance under this subtitle, [an investigation and] *a* record shall promptly be made of the circumstances of the applicant [in order to ascertain] *and* the facts supporting the application and [in order to obtain] such other information as may be required by the rules of the State Department.

71.

[Upon the completion of such investigation the] *The* local unit shall decide whether the applicant is eligible for assistance under the provisions of this subtitle, and determine in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Department the amount of such assistance and the date on which such assistance shall begin. The local unit shall notify the applicant of its decision. Such assistance shall be paid monthly to the applicant upon order of the local unit from funds allocated to it for this purpose. Should the fund or funds available be insufficient to make payments in accordance with the amount of assistance established to be needed, the State Department shall, by rule and regulation, provide for a uniform method of adjusting individual payments.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.