

CODE ARTICLE 88A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1969 REPLACEMENT VOLUME), TITLE "SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION," SUBTITLE "IN GENERAL", TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 17 THEREOF, AND ALL to read as follows:

17.

(a) No public authority or agency of this State, or of any political subdivision thereof, shall grant direct public assistance or relief to any able-bodied person who is deemed appropriate for employment and is able to work and refuses suitable work when offered employment through any State or local governing authority. [Provided, however, that the] *The foregoing provisions of this section shall be effective only to the extent that they do not conflict with federal requirements in connection with money furnished by or received from the federal government for public assistance.*

*(b) If direct public assistance or relief is granted to any able-bodied person pursuant to the workings of subsection (a), the public authority or agency shall assign him for work, during the period of the payments, to some board, commission, office or other agency of the State government or of a political subdivision of the State. During this period of receiving the direct public assistance or relief, the person must report not less often than once every week to an office of the Employment Security Administration to inquire concerning possible employment opportunities. After the first payment of direct public assistance or relief, successive payments may be made to him only if he has (1) a certificate from the State or local government agency to which he was assigned for work, stating that he is satisfactorily performing the work assigned, and (2) a certificate from the Employment Security Administration that he has reported to that agency not less often than once each week during the period of the payments, to inquire concerning possible employment opportunities.*

**(B) IF DIRECT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR RELIEF IS GRANTED TO ANY EMPLOYABLE PERSON, THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY MAY ASSIGN HIM FOR WORK TO SOME BOARD, COMMISSION, OFFICE, OR OTHER AGENCY OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT OR OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE. IF SAID EMPLOYABLE PERSONS ARE ASSIGNED FOR WORK IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, THEY SHALL BE ASSIGNED FOR WORK IN FULL TIME JOBS WHICH PROVIDE SERVICES TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN OR TO AGED, BLIND, OR DISABLED PERSONS AS DEFINED IN TITLES I, IV, X, XIV, AND XVI OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, BUT NO PERSON SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO A JOB IN WHICH HE WOULD REPLACE REGULAR WORKERS OR IN WHICH HE WOULD DUPLICATE OR REPLACE AN EXISTING SERVICE.**

**(C) AN EMPLOYABLE PERSON ASSIGNED FOR WORK PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY CONTINUE IN EMPLOYMENT ONLY IF THE STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY TO WHICH SAID PERSON HAS BEEN ASSIGNED FOR WORK CERTIFIES THAT SAID PERSON IS SATISFACTORILY PERFORMING THE WORK ASSIGNED.**