

## CHAPTER 515

(House Bill 166)

AN ACT to repeal Section 4A of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Social Services Administration," subtitle "In General," and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 205A of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Department of Employment and Social Services," to abolish the Advisory Council on Child Welfare.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 4A of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Social Services Administration," subtitle "In General," be and it is hereby repealed.

14A.

(a) The State Administration shall have an advisory council on child welfare composed of one member of the State Board of Social Services appointed by its chairman, one person representing the State Department of Health appointed by the Commissioner, one person representing the State Department of Mental Hygiene appointed by the Commissioner, one person representing the Employment Security Administration appointed by the State Director, one person representing the State Department of Education appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools, one person representing the State Department of Juvenile Services appointed by the Director, one person representing the State Office of Economic Opportunity appointed by the Executive Director, one person representing the courts appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, and six additional persons representing voluntary child welfare organizations and the public appointed with the approval of the Governor by the Secretary of Employment and Social Services, who shall designate one of said six persons to serve as chairman, and seven additional persons who are or represent recipients of aid to families with dependent children and child welfare services selected by the Secretary of Employment and Social Services, with the approval of the Governor, from lists submitted by the State Administration, which lists shall contain twice the number of persons to be selected and shall be formulated in accordance with rules and regulations approved by the Secretary of Employment and Social Services consonant with federal laws and regulations governing the establishment of advisory groups in relation to and to families with dependent children and child welfare services. Each member of the council shall serve thereon at the pleasure of the official by whom he was appointed, and shall receive no compensation for his service, but shall be paid the reasonable expenses necessary for the discharge of his official duties. The executive secretary to the advisory council shall be appointed by the Secretary of Employment and Social Services upon the recommendation of the State Director of Social Services.

(b) The advisory council to the State Department shall have continuing responsibility for the initiation of activity leading to strengthened programs of aid to families with dependent children and child welfare services, including prevention and control of illegitimacy, by providing leadership through investigation and recommendation of policy, programs and plans for their implementation.

(c) The advisory council shall report the results of its investigations and make its recommendations to the State Board, the Director of the State Administration, and the Secretary of Employment and Social Services. The council shall publish its assessment of the programs and effectiveness of the State's efforts to strengthen aid to families with dependent children and child welfare services and to control