

referred to as "local commission") appointed in accordance with the provisions of § 48 (d) of Article VII of the Charter of Baltimore City, 1964 Edition, and the local director of the local department in Baltimore City shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of [§ 2] SUBSECTION B(2) of this [article] SECTION.

The local boards in the counties and the local commission in Baltimore City shall have all the duties and functions provided in § 14A of this article.

(B) (1) IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES THE BOARD OF EACH LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT THE LOCAL DIRECTOR FROM THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LIST UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 64A OF THIS CODE, AS SUBMITTED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATION.

(2) IN BALTIMORE CITY THE LOCAL DIRECTOR SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY FROM THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LIST UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 64A OF THIS CODE, AS SUBMITTED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATION.

[(b)] (C) The local director in each county and in Baltimore City shall administer social service and public assistance activities within the counties and Baltimore City, respectively, in accordance with the provisions of § 3 of this article. Each local director has a general administrative responsibility to the State Department. Specifically, by way of example and not in limitation, each local director has the following basic responsibilities:

(1) Long-range and short-range planning for the functions and objectives of the respective local department;

(2) Exercise of full administrative responsibility for the operations of the respective local department;

(3) Appointment of all personnel of the respective local department in the county involved, from State merit system lists under the provisions of Article 64A of this Code; [provided that the appointment of the personnel of the department of social services in Baltimore City shall be in accordance with the provisions of § 2 of this article;]

(4) Improvement of administrative and social-work practices and procedures;

(5) Submission of periodic reports and evaluations as required by the State Department; and

(6) Submission of an annual report to the local