

BY adding to

Article 89C - Support of Dependents
Section 33A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1969 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 3(a) and (b), 5A, 13(c), and 48 of Article 88A - Social Services Administration, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

3.

(a) (1) The State [Department] ADMINISTRATION shall be the central[,] coordinating and directing agency of all social service and public assistance activities in this State, including aid to families with dependent children, general public assistance, public assistance to adults, child welfare services, food stamps, CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, and any other social service and public assistance activities financed in whole or in part by the State [Department]. ADMINISTRATION. For the purposes of these powers, child welfare services being provided to persons under [eighteen (18)] THE AGE OF 18 may continue after their eighteenth birthday but not beyond their twenty-first birthday.

[(b)] (2) All of the activities of the local departments in the counties and in Baltimore City, which the State [Department] ADMINISTRATION finances, in whole or in part, shall be subject to the supervision, direction and control of the State [Department] ADMINISTRATION.

(B) THE STATE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND, THROUGH ITS DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, ADMINISTER A PROGRAM FOR RECOVERY OF CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS. THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM.

5A.

The State [Department] ADMINISTRATION shall establish AND MAINTAIN WITHIN ITS DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT a central registry of records containing all available identifying information [of] RELATING TO parents who have deserted or appear to have deserted[,] children, whether or not the children are likely, or liable to be, recipients of public assistance or foster care. To effectuate the purposes of this