

~~(C) PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS WHICH PROVIDE FOR OR ARRANGE FOSTER CARE OF CHILDREN UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE STATE BOARD AND LOCAL BOARDS BY FURNISHING RECORDS AS NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF THE BOARDS.~~

~~(D) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE FOR REPORTS AND OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND PRIVATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS.~~

117.

~~THIS ACT MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO RESTRICT OR ALTER THE AUTHORITY OF ANY AGENCIES OR INSTITUTIONS THAT DEAL WITH FOSTER CARE, ADOPTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS.~~

AS USED IN THIS SUFFIX:

(1) "CHILD" MEANS ANY PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS.

(2) "FOSTER CARE" MEANS A SERVICE WHICH PROVIDES CARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICE IN A FAMILY HOME OR GROUP FACILITY FOR A CHILD WHO CANNOT BE CARED FOR BY HIS OWN FAMILY FOR AS LONG A PERIOD AS HE NEEDS SUBSTITUTE CARE.

112.

(A) THE MARYLAND CITIZEN BOARD FOR REVIEW OF FOSTER CARE FOR CHILDREN IS CREATED.

(B) THE MARYLAND CITIZEN BOARD FOR REVIEW OF FOSTER CARE FOR CHILDREN, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE STATE BOARD, SHALL BE COMPOSED OF NINE MEMBERS. ONE MEMBER FOR EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SHALL BE CHOSEN BY AND FROM THE LOCAL BOARDS WHICH COMPOSE THAT CIRCUIT. ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM HIS STAFF. EACH BOARD MEMBER SHALL SERVE A TERM OF 4 YEARS AND UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED. THE TERMS OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL BOARDS SERVING ON THE STATE BOARD SHALL BE COTERMINOUS WITH THEIR TERMS AS MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS. THE STATE BOARD SHALL CHOOSE FROM AMONG ITS NUMBER A CHAIRMAN BY MAJORITY VOTE WHO SHALL HOLD THE OFFICE FOR TWO YEARS AND UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS CHOSEN. THE CHAIRMAN MAY SUCCEED HIMSELF. THE MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION, BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD TRAVEL REGULATIONS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

113.

(A) THE LOCAL BOARDS FOR REVIEW OF CASES OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE FOSTER CARE ARE CREATED.

(B) THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST ONE LOCAL BOARD IN EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS AND TWO