

ALTERNATES APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CCNSENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND FROM RESIDENTS OF THE CCUNTY WHICH THE ECARD SERVES. EACH BOARD MEMBER SHALL SERVE A TERM OF 4 YEARS AND UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED, EXCEPT THAT IN THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TWO MEMBERS SHALL SERVE FOR 2 YEARS AND UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE APFCINTED AND QUALIFIED. BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE CITIZENS WHO HAVE DEMCNSTRATED AN INTEREST IN CHILDREN THROUGH SUCH ACTIVITIES AS COMMUNITY SERVICE OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, OR PCSSESS A BACKGROUND IN LAW, SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, PSYCHIATRY, EDUCATION, SOCIAL WORK OR MEDICINE. BOARD MEMBERS ARE SUBJECT TO THE SAME STANDARDS OF CONFIDENTIALITY AS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES. EACH LCCAL BOARD SHALL CHOOSE FROM AMONG ITS NUMBER A CHAIRMAN BY MAJORITY VOTE WHO SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR 4 YEARS AND MAY SUCCEED HIMSELF. THE MEMEERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION, BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD -- TRAVEL REGULATIONS, FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESCNSIBILITIES AS MEMBERS OF A BOARD. COMPENSATICN.

114.

THE STATE BOARD SHALL EMPLOY AN ADMINISTRATOR, AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, AND CLERICAL SUPPORT TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES. IN ADDITION, THE STATE BOARD MAY HIRE SUFFICIENT STAFF TO ASSIST THE LOCAL BOARDS IN PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES. THE COMPENSATION OF THE EMPLOYEES SHALL BE PERSONNEL AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

115.

THE STATE BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE ANNUALLY AND MORE FREQUENTLY UPON THE CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN TO REVIEW AND COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH REGARD TO FOSTER CARE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. THE STATE BOARD MAY PROMULGATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE FUNCTION OF LOCAL BOARDS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS FOR THE LOCAL BOARDS ENUMERATED IN THIS ACT.

116.

THE STATE BOARD MAY CREATE ADDITIONAL LOCAL BOARDS BY RESOLUTION, AS NECESSARY, AND THESE BOARDS SHALL FUNCTION IN A MANNER CCNSISTENT WITH THIS ACT.

117. 116.

(A) THE GOALS OF THE LCCAL BOARDS ARE:

(1) TO REVIEW EVERY 6 MONTHS CASES OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE RESIDED IN PUELIC OR PRIVATE FOSTER CARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 6 MONTHS TO DETERMINE WHAT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ACQUIRE PERMANENT AND STABLE PLACEMENT FOR THESE CHILDREN;