

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and
Administrative Departments
Section 205F(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 88A - Social Services Administration
Section 1A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Federal regulatory requirements have caused an increase in the complexity of income maintenance and social services programs of this State; and

WHEREAS, Article 88A, § 3 of the Annotated Code places the responsibility for the administration of all these programs with the Social Services Administration of the Department of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, Recent studies of the Social Services Administration reveal that, because of its present size and complexity, the Social Services Administration cannot manage effectively both the income maintenance and social services programs; and

WHEREAS, Management of income maintenance programs must be improved to reduce errors in order to save State and Federal funds and prevent Federal fiscal sanctions; and

WHEREAS, Separate administration of income maintenance and social services programs at the State level should increase the efficiency and responsiveness of both series of programs; and

WHEREAS, For these reasons, it is necessary that management of income maintenance programs be transferred to a separate administration within the Department of Human Resources; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDERED BY THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 24, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, That:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and
Administrative Departments

205F.
