

(b) The Social Services Administration is established and continued as the same State Department of Social Services hitherto existing. The Social Services Administration shall be part of the Department of [Employment and Social Services.] HUMAN RESOURCES. The Social Services Administration shall have the powers, duties, responsibilities and functions provided in the laws of this State for the State Department of Social Services, EXCEPT FOR THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FUNCTIONS THAT PERTAIN TO THE INCOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO THE INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION UNDER ARTICLE 88A, § 1A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE. [All references] ANY REFERENCE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE in this Code, in any other laws of this State, or in ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, legal actions, directives or documents [to the State Department of Social Services or the State Department of Public Welfare,] shall be deemed to mean the Social Services Administration IF, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT, THE REFERENCE INVOLVES SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, IF, AND TO THE EXTENT, THE REFERENCE INVOLVES INCOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO THE INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION UNDER ARTICLE 88A, § 1A OF THE CODE, THE REFERENCE SHALL BE DEEMED TO MEAN THE INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION. From and after September 1, 1970, all rights, powers, duties, obligations, and functions heretofore conferred upon or exercised by the State Department of Social Services shall be transferred to and be exercised by the Social Services Administration OR THE INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION, subject to the authority of the Secretary of [Employment and Social Services] HUMAN RESOURCES as set forth in §§ 205A, 205B, and 205C of this article or elsewhere in this Code.

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

1A. INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION

(A) THE INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. THE INCOME MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS PROVIDED IN THE LAWS OF THIS STATE FOR THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION. THE TERM "INCOME MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS" INCLUDES ALL THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES PROVIDED FOR THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION IN THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS: AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND OTHER RELATED CASH BENEFIT PROGRAMS; SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION; GENERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; GENERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYABLES; PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO ADULTS; EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE; FOOD STAMPS; AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS. REFERENCES TO THE "SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION", "STATE DEPARTMENT", OR "STATE ADMINISTRATION" IN THE LAWS OF THIS STATE THAT CONCERN INCOME MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS ARE DEEMED TO MEAN THE INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION.