

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

115.

(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] 11 members. One member for each judicial circuit shall be chosen by and from the local boards which compose [that circuit] JUDICIAL CIRCUITS 1 THROUGH 7. THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE CHOSEN BY AND FROM THE LOCAL BOARDS IN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 8. One member shall be appointed by the Governor from [his] THE GOVERNOR'S staff. Each STATE board member shall serve a term of [4] 2 years and until [his] A 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.] HOWEVER, NO STATE BOARD MEMBER MAY SO SERVE BEYOND THE COMPLETION OF THEIR TERM OF OFFICE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCAL BOARD. The State board shall choose from among its number a chairman by majority vote who shall hold the office for [two] 2 years and until [his] A successor is chosen. The chairman may [succeed himself] SERVE FOR MORE THAN 1 TERM CONSECUTIVELY. 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.

118.

(A) The State board shall meet at least twice annually and more frequently upon the call of the chairman to review and coordinate the activities 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 subtitle.

(B) ~~IN--CONSULTATION~~ WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, THE STATE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH CATEGORIES OF FOSTER CHILDREN FOR WHOM A SATISFACTORY PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN MADE AND WHO MAY BE EXEMPT FROM REVIEW BY THE LOCAL BOARDS.

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