

and the mentally and physically disabled, and in meeting such other needs as the Advisory Council to the program shall identify.

(b) No project shall be undertaken under the auspices of the Maryland Service Corps if such project shall replace regular workers or duplicate or replace an existing service in the same locality.

(c) No person may participate in any partisan political activity while engaged in the performance of his duties under the Corps, and the provisions of this subtitle shall be effective only to the extent that they do not conflict with any federal or State laws or regulations relating to participation in partisan political activities.]

[364B.

(a) The Maryland Service Corps shall be part of the State Department of Employment and Social Services. The Secretary of Employment and Social Services, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint an Administrator of the Corps who shall be chief administrative and executive officer thereof. The Administrator shall not be subject to the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, and he shall receive such salary as is provided in the budget from time to time.

(b) The exercise of all authority, duties, and functions vested in the Maryland Service Corps or the Administrator thereof by the provisions of this subtitle or by any other laws of this State shall be subject to the authority of the Secretary of Employment and Social Services.]

[364C.

(a) The Corps may employ professional, technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel to carry out its duties and functions within the limits of budgetary appropriations. The employees of the Corps, except the Administrator, shall be subject to the provisions contained in Article 64A of the Code, title "Merit System." Prior to July 1, 1973 the number of corpsmen and corpswomen participating in the Corps shall not exceed the number required to produce the equivalent of 100 volunteer man years. Thereafter, the number of corpsmen and corpswomen participating in the Corps shall be determined by the needs of the community and by the limits of budgetary appropriations. The corpsmen and corpswomen participating in the program shall make a commitment of one year of service, and shall receive no salary, but they shall receive living allowances commensurate to their basic needs.

(b) In the performance of its duties, the Corps is hereby authorized and empowered to make and enter into contracts and to assume such other functions as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle that are not inconsistent with this