

proposed rules and regulations, standards and guidelines, proposed standards and guidelines, orders and other directives, forms, plans, memberships, special funds, appropriations, grants, applications for grants, contracts, properties, investigations, administrative and judicial proceedings, rights to sue and be sued, and all other duties and responsibilities associated with those functions transferred by this Act shall continue in effect under the Secretary of Human Resources or the appropriate board, council, or other unit within the Department, until completed, withdrawn, cancelled, modified, or otherwise changed pursuant to law.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That pursuant to the plan of reorganization that is proposed by this act, the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference, shall propose the correction of any agency names, numerical, or similar nonnumerical cross-references throughout the Annotated Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Human Resources may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with a local government to ensure that all persons who are classified employees of a local government and who elect to apply, and are selected for transfer, to the Department of Human Resources under this Act shall be transferred without any change or loss of rights or status, and shall retain their merit system and retirement system status, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Human Resources shall study the feasibility of delegating the authority for the administration of child care services to local jurisdictions and shall report back to the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee by December 1, 1988.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit a local jurisdiction from