

(2) Any State agency authorized to license child care homes or institutions may make cooperative arrangements with any other State agency to this end.

2-126.

(a) If requested by a court sitting as a juvenile court or by any other court in a proceeding that involves the interest of a minor, the [Agency] DEPARTMENT shall provide the services described in this article.

(b) The [Agency] DEPARTMENT shall provide the employees needed to supply such services as may be required by order of a judge sitting as a juvenile court.

(c) The [Agency] DEPARTMENT shall cooperate with the judges of the juvenile court in carrying out the objectives of this article and Subtitle 8 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.

2-127.

(a) The [Director] SECRETARY shall establish programs for juvenile intake, investigation, probation, and aftercare services.

(b) (1) The [Director] SECRETARY shall provide sufficient staff to operate the programs under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) The staff of the [Agency] DEPARTMENT are under the immediate direction and control of the [Director] SECRETARY.

2-128.

(a) (1) The [Director] SECRETARY shall:

(i) Study the problem of the units of work that are involved in the several courts; and

(ii) Establish a system for units of work.

(2) On the basis of the comparative work load of any court, the [Director] SECRETARY shall provide the court with an adequate staff and adequate variety of staff. However, except with the consent of its judges, a court may not be assigned a smaller staff than authorized as of July 1, 1986.

(b) Within this formula, the judge of any court may ask for the additional clerical and professional court service staff that the work load of the court requires, and the [Director] SECRETARY shall consider and respond to the request in accordance with §§ 2-126 and 2-127 of this article.