

WHEREAS, Legislative oversight is necessary to monitor the success of this endeavor; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Article 88A – Social Services Administration of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renamed to be Article 88A – Department of Human Resources.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 88A – Department of Human Resources

1A.

(a) The [Income Maintenance] FAMILY INVESTMENT 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] ALL OF the powers, duties, and responsibilities provided for the Social Services Administration in the following programs ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION: [aid to families with dependent children and other] THE FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND related cash benefit programs; [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] THESE PROGRAMS are deemed to mean the [Income Maintenance] FAMILY INVESTMENT Administration.

(b) The Secretary of Human Resources shall appoint [a State] AN EXECUTIVE Director of [Income Maintenance] FAMILY INVESTMENT with the approval of the Governor. The EXECUTIVE Director shall be the head of the [Income Maintenance] FAMILY INVESTMENT Administration and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Secretary of Human Resources. All powers, duties, and responsibilities that pertain to [income maintenance programs and income maintenance personnel] PROGRAMS TRANSFERRED TO THE FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE PERSONNEL WHO ADMINISTER THEM WHICH ARE provided in the laws of this State for the State Director of Social Services are transferred to the [State] EXECUTIVE Director of [Income Maintenance] FAMILY INVESTMENT.

(c) The exercise of all authority, duties, and functions vested in the [Income Maintenance] FAMILY INVESTMENT Administration or the [State] EXECUTIVE Director of [Income Maintenance] FAMILY INVESTMENT under this article or any other law of this State shall be subject to the authority of the Secretary of Human Resources as set forth in Article 41 of this Code or elsewhere in the laws of this State.

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(a) (1) The State [Administration] DEPARTMENT shall be the central coordinating and directing agency of all social service and public assistance activities in this State, including [aid to families with dependent children,] THE FAMILY