

may deem necessary, and shall make such decision as to the granting of assistance and the amount of assistance to be granted as in its opinion is justified and in conformity with the provisions of this subtitle. Applicants or recipients affected by such decisions of the State Department shall, upon request, be given reasonable notice and opportunity for a fair hearing by the State Department.

All decisions of the State Department shall be final and shall be binding upon the county or Baltimore City involved and shall be complied with by the local units.]

[54.

All assistance granted under this subtitle shall be reconsidered as frequently as may be required. The amount of assistance may be changed or assistance may be entirely withdrawn if the child's circumstances have altered sufficiently to warrant such action. The local unit may at any time cancel and revoke assistance for cause and it may for cause suspend assistance for such period as it may deem proper.]

[54A.

(a) (1) In this section the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(2) "AFDC" means Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

(3) "Benefit" means cash assistance received under the program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children established under Title IV, Part A, of the Social Security Act.

(4) "Business" means any for-profit or nonprofit corporation.

(5) "Community service" means the performance of work for a political subdivision of the State, a private nonprofit agency or institution, or other activity which benefits the public, as defined by the Secretary.

(6) "Community work experience program" means a program established by the Department under the pilot to provide work experience to a recipient who was unable to obtain full-time paid employment through the pilot. This program is designed to improve the employability of the participant.

(7) "Department" means the Department of Human Resources.

(8) "Grant diversion program" means a program that pays businesses for hiring AFDC recipients.

(9) "Pilot" means a welfare reform pilot program.

(10) "Recipient" means all individuals in an Aid to Families with Dependent Children case.

(11) "Secretary" means Secretary of Human Resources.

(b) (1) The Secretary shall create and establish a welfare reform pilot program.

(2) The Secretary shall select project areas in Baltimore City and Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties in which to implement the pilot.