

(5) Submission of periodic reports and evaluations as required by the State Administration;

(6) Submission of an annual report to the local board of the respective local department in the counties and to the local commission of the local department in Baltimore City; and

(7) Other responsibilities as may from time to time be required by the State Administration or by other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

(C-1) IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, THE LOCAL DIRECTOR SHALL ACT AS THE AGENT OF THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO ENSURE THAT MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMPLIES WITH RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER GRANT AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO UNDER § 13A(B) OF THIS ARTICLE.

13A.

(A) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT:

(1) THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO PROVIDE BETTER INTEGRATED, MORE EFFICIENT, AND ACCOUNTABLE HUMAN SERVICES DELIVERY WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY BY THE STATE AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS; AND

(2) IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE COST-NEUTRAL TO BOTH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

~~(A)~~ (B) (1) IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, THERE IS NO LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, STATE SOCIAL SERVICE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY A LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

(2) THE GRANT AGREEMENT PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE SAME BUDGET CATEGORIES WITHIN THE STATE BUDGET AS APPROPRIATIONS FOR OTHER LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

(3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE PROPORTION OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS TO BE PAID IN FISCAL YEAR 1997 TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT UNDER THIS SECTION RELATIVE TO THOSE FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY TO ALL LOCAL DEPARTMENTS MAY NOT BE LESS THAN THE PROPORTION OF FUNDS DISBURSED IN FISCAL YEAR 1996 TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

(4) AFTER FISCAL YEAR 1997, THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT SHALL BE PROPORTIONALLY ADJUSTED EACH YEAR TO:

(I) REFLECT CHANGES IN CASE LOADS, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN POVERTY, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT COST FACTORS AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES; AND

(II) ENSURE THAT THE GRANT IS EQUITABLE IN RELATION TO FUNDS PROVIDED TO ALL LOCAL DEPARTMENTS.