

(III) MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIES;

(2) REQUIRE EACH LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SUBMIT ANNUAL PLANS THAT CONTAIN MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES, INCLUDING OBJECTIVES FOR PARTICIPATION IN WORK ACTIVITIES, TO MEET THE GOALS OF THE FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM; AND

(3) MONITOR THE SUCCESS OF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PLANS.

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(a) (1) The State Department shall be the central coordinating and directing agency of all social service and public assistance activities in this State, including the Family Investment Program, public assistance to adults, child welfare services, food stamps, and any other social service and public assistance activities financed in whole or in part by the State Department. For the purposes of these powers, child welfare services being provided to persons under the age of 18 may continue after their eighteenth birthday but not beyond their twenty-first birthday.

(2) All of the activities of the local departments in the counties and in Baltimore City, which the State Department finances, in whole or in part, shall be subject to the supervision, direction and control of the State Department.

(3) (1) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT OR CONTRACT FOR A FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT OF EACH LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND SHALL PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT OF THE AUDIT FINDINGS.

(II) THE AUDIT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE AUDITING STANDARDS ISSUED BY THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS.

Article - Family Law

10-119.1.

(a) (1) Notwithstanding § 13-405 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, there is a Child Support Enforcement Privatization Pilot Program within the Department.

(2) The Pilot Program shall operate in Baltimore City and Queen Anne's County.

(b) The purpose of the Pilot Program is to authorize the Secretary of the Department to enter into contracts with private companies to privatize all aspects of child support enforcement functions of the Department, including:

- (1) locating absent parents;
- (2) establishing paternities;
- (3) establishing support orders;
- (4) collecting and disbursing support payments;