REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, §§ 13B and 44A(g).

In item (1) of this subsection, the former reference to "Baltimore City" is deleted in light of § 1–101 of this article, which defines "county" to include Baltimore City.

The definition of the term "local department" in former Art. 88A, § 44A(g) was applicable only to former Art. 88A, §§ 44A through 56, which are revised in Title 5, Subtitle 3 of this article. However, the term "local department" was also used in former provisions of Article 88A that are revised in this title. In this revision, the definition of "local department" in former Art. 88A, § 44A(g) is made applicable to this title. No substantive change is intended.

The Human Services Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the references to the "Montgomery County government" throughout this subtitle and in §§ 4–101 and 5–101 of this article are vague. The General Assembly may wish to clarify which unit of the Montgomery County government functions as the local department of social services.

Defined term: "County" § 1-101

(E) LOCAL DIRECTOR.

"LOCAL DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF A LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to avoid repetition of the full reference to a "director of a local department of social services".

(F) LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY.

"LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY" MEANS:

- (1) IN REFERENCES TO EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY:
- (I) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY THAT DOES NOT HAVE A CHARTER FORM OF GOVERNMENT;
- (II) THE HIGHEST EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY OF A COUNTY THAT HAS A CHARTER FORM OF GOVERNMENT; OR
 - (III) THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY;
 - (2) IN REFERENCES TO PURELY LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:
- (I) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY THAT DOES NOT HAVE A CHARTER FORM OF GOVERNMENT;
- (II) THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF A COUNTY THAT HAS A CHARTER FORM OF GOVERNMENT; OR
 - (III) THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY;