

in the State one year immediately preceding the birth of said child; or whose parent has resided in this State for one year immediately preceding the date of application; and

(b) Is living in a suitable family home meeting the standards of care and health, fixed by the laws of this State and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and in which home the child's particular religious faith is fostered and protected.

(c) Any illegitimate child who has heretofore received assistance under this sub-title is hereby declared to have been eligible to receive the same, but no applicant denied assistance on the grounds of illegitimacy, between September 1, 1936 and March 22, 1937, shall be entitled to make any claim against the State Department or any local unit, on account of any such denial.

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 148, sec. 24.

41. The amount of assistance which shall be granted for any dependent child shall be determined by the local units with due regard to the resources and necessary expenditures of the family and the conditions existing in each case and shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support available to the child, to provide such child with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health.

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 148, sec. 25. 1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 3, sec. 25.

42. (Application for Assistance.) Application for assistance under this sub-title shall be made to the local unit in which the dependent child resides. The application shall be in writing or reduced to writing in the manner and upon the form prescribed by the State Department. The application shall be made by the person with whom the child will live while receiving assistance and shall contain information as to the age and residence of the child and such other information as may be required by the rules and regulations of the State Department. One application may be made for several children of the same family if they reside with the same person. All assistance granted and/or payments made on application heretofore signed by the applicant and witnessed, shall be deemed valid payments for the purposes of this sub-title.

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 148, sec. 26.

43. Whenever a local unit receives a notification of the dependency of a child or an application for assistance, an investigation and record shall promptly be made of the circumstances to ascertain the dependency of the child or the facts supporting the application made under this sub-title, and such other information as may be required by the State Department. The investigation shall include a visit to the home of the child, and of the person who will have the custody of the child during the time assistance is granted. Each local unit and the State Department and the officers and authorized employees thereof, shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations, conduct examinations, subpoena witnesses, require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, records and papers, and may make application to the Circuit Court of the County or the Superior Court of Baltimore City, to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of such books, records and papers.