

and control of the Maryland Children's Center, to the Advisory Board appointed therefor, to the powers, functions and duties of the Maryland Children's Center and to the funds paid and collected toward its upkeep.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 39A be and it is hereby added to Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "State Department of Public Welfare", to follow immediately after Section 39 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Maryland Children's Center", and to read as follows:*

MARYLAND CHILDREN'S CENTER

39A. (a) The State Department of Public Welfare is authorized and empowered within the appropriation of the Legislature to establish and maintain and administer a facility to be known as the Maryland Children's Center for the detention and study of children adjudged delinquent by courts of proper jurisdiction. The department shall, also, by rule and regulation, establish such policies of admission and discharge for such delinquent children as will make for better care for the children therein and better service to the courts in which they appear. The State Department of Public Welfare shall supervise, direct and control the Center, prescribe the minimum qualifications for personnel, and appoint personnel needed to staff the Center in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, title "Merit System".

(b) There shall be an Advisory Board to the Maryland Children's Center, to be composed of nine members appointed by the Governor. Of the members first appointed, three shall be appointed for terms of two years each, three shall be appointed for terms of four years each, and three shall be appointed for terms of six years each. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. As the terms of any said members expire, the vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for a term of six years each. Upon the expiration of a six year term, the appointee shall be ineligible for reappointment to a second term immediately succeeding the first. Any member of the Board who shall fail to attend meetings for a period of six months shall be considered to have resigned, and the President of the Advisory Board shall forward, or cause to be forwarded to the Governor the name of such member, with the statement of such non-attendance, and the Governor shall thereupon appoint his successor for the remainder of the term. The Board shall organize, and shall meet at least quarterly and at such special times as it may determine. It shall study and consider the problems and operations of the Maryland Children's Center and shall give counsel and advice to the Superintendent of the institution and to the State Department of Public Welfare with respect to the maintenance, management and improvement of the Maryland Children's Center. The Board shall participate in interpreting the objectives of such institution to the public and shall assist in the planning for the development and utilization of all available resources for the promotion of the needs of the institution. No member of the Advisory Board, nor any of the employees of the institution shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract for the building, repairing, equipping or furnishing