

*material or supplies of any kind to, or be financially interested in any contract with the institution.*

*(c) The Maryland Children's Center shall accept, subject to the rules and regulations of the State Department of Public Welfare, from courts of proper jurisdiction, children adjudged delinquent and shall provide a residential program of care and study. In no instance shall a child be given custody for a period of longer than thirty (30) days. Within the thirty (30) days the Maryland Children's Center shall return the child to the court with proper recommendations*

*(d) During the period that any child may be placed in the custody of the Maryland Children's Center pursuant to the provisions of this sub-title, the county (or Baltimore City) where the child resided at the time of his admission to the Maryland Children's Center, shall be chargeable a sum for each child under care and study equal to one-half of the current per capita cost per day, said cost to be determined by the Department of Budget and Procurement and certified to said counties and Baltimore City. It shall be the duty of the State Department of Public Welfare, or its agent or agents, to furnish the Board of County Commissioners or to the Comptroller of Baltimore City, a quarterly statement giving the number and names of all such children from the particular political sub-division and the total amount due therefor. The State Department of Public Welfare shall also certify to the State Comptroller the amount due from each of the several counties and from Baltimore City, and it shall be the duty of the State Comptroller to collect these respective sums from the counties and Baltimore City.*

*(e) The County Commissioners and the County Council of each county and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore are authorized and directed to levy annually upon the assessable property in each such respective political jurisdiction, a sum sufficient to pay the aggregate of such charges. Should any county or Baltimore City fail to levy a tax sufficient to pay said charges, the Comptroller shall enforce the obligation by an action of mandamus, the withholding of any State moneys due to the County or City, or by other appropriate means. If any county or Baltimore City shall claim that any child is not a proper charge against it, or otherwise question the correctness of the amount due, it shall be entitled to a hearing before the State Comptroller and the decision of the Comptroller as to any questions of fact or as to the residence of the child shall be final and conclusive.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the institution herein referred to as the Maryland Children's Center is the same institution referred to as the "Children's Study Center" in Article 98 of the Acts of 1956, the particular reference being on Page 250 of the Acts of 1956.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1958.*

Approved April 4, 1958.