

fications for personnel, and appoint personnel needed to staff the [Southern Maryland] *Thomas J. S. Waxter* Children's Center, all in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, title "Merit System."

(b) The advisory board for the Maryland Children's Center, established by Section 39A of this article, shall be also the advisory board for the [Southern Maryland] *Thomas J. S. Waxter* Children's Center with the same duties, powers and responsibilities for the latter institution [was] as provided for the Maryland Children's Center.

(c) The [Southern Maryland] *Thomas J. S. Waxter* Children's Center, subject to the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the State Department of Public Welfare, shall accept from police and court officers the temporary custody of children then being held on a charge which is or could be adjudged as delinquency. For the period during which children are in the custody of the [Southern Maryland] *Thomas J. S. Waxter* Children's Center, it shall provide for them a residential program of care and study. Unless a formal petition covering the charge against the child has been filed in the proper circuit court or juvenile court and detention ordered thereunder, the [Southern Maryland] *Thomas J. S. Waxter* Children's Center may not in any event, on any one charge or set of charges, detain or hold a child in custody for longer than 24 hours (excluding Sundays and holidays from the computation for this restriction.) Once such a petition is filed, the [Southern Maryland] *Thomas J. S. Waxter* Children's Center, if ordered and authorized by the court, shall continue to detain and hold the child in custody for a continued residential program of care and study; but the [Southern Maryland] *Thomas J. S. Waxter* Children's Center may not in any event, on any one charge or set of charges, detain or hold a child in custody for a period of time greater than thirty days (excluding from the computation for this restriction the twenty-four-hour period prior to the filing of a petition in court and the order of the court for continued detention and custody).

(d) During the period that any child may be placed in the custody of the [Southern Maryland] *Thomas J. S. Waxter* Children's Center pursuant to the provisions of this section, the county (or Baltimore City) where the child resided at the time of his admission to the [Southern Maryland] *Thomas J. S. Waxter* Children's Center shall be chargeable with the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars (\$180.00) per annum for each child under care and study. It is 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 subdivision 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.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it is the legislative intent in this Act only to change the name of the Southern Maryland Children's Center and in no other way to affect the powers, duties, functions, and operations of the Southern Maryland Children's