

~~(B)~~ (C) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY LOCAL DEPARTMENTS ELSEWHERE IN THE STATE. THE GRANT AGREEMENT SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR COSTS TO ADMINISTER STATE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING SALARIES, OVERHEAD, GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE, WORKER'S COMPENSATION, AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, AT STATE FUNDING RATES AS PROVIDED IN § 13(D) OF THIS ARTICLE, EXCLUDING AMOUNTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO COUNTY SALARIES OR BENEFITS THAT EXCEED COMPARABLE STATE SALARIES OR BENEFITS; AND

(2) REQUIRE THAT THE STATE SHALL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF STATE ACCRUED LEAVE.

~~(C)~~ (D) THE USE AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING RECIPIENTS OF STATE SOCIAL SERVICE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS, INCLUDING § 6 OF THIS ARTICLE AND ARTICLE 49D, § 10 OF THE CODE. THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHALL BE TREATED AS ONE AGENCY FOR PURPOSES OF CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS.

~~(D)~~ (E) THE ADMINISTRATION OF STATE PROGRAMS BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHALL CONTINUE TO BE GOVERNED BY STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

(F) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION OF STATE CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAMS IN OTHER COUNTIES.

(2) THE UNIT OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT THAT ADMINISTERS PROGRAMS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS EXEMPT FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS IN THE SAME MANNER AS A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

~~(E)~~ (G) (1) THE STATE SHALL PAY ANY JUDGMENT AWARDED AGAINST MONTGOMERY COUNTY OR AN EMPLOYEE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY THAT ARISES OUT OF A SUIT COMMENCED OR PROSECUTED IN A COURT OF THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

(2) THE STATE MAY NOT PAY A JUDGMENT AWARDED AGAINST A MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMPLOYEE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE EMPLOYEE PERFORMS AN ACT OR OMISSION:

- (I) OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT; OR
- (II) WITH MALICE.