

[CHAPTER 257]

AN ACT

To provide aid to dependent children in the District of Columbia.

June 14, 1944  
[H. R. 3236]  
[Public Law 340]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the care and assistance of dependent children is hereby declared to be a special matter of public concern and a necessity in promoting the public health and welfare. To provide such care and assistance at public expense, a system of aid to dependent children is hereby established for the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.  
Aid to Dependent Children Act.

SEC. 2. The terms "aid" and "assistance" wherever used in this Act shall be construed to mean money payments with respect to a dependent child or dependent children. As used in this Act, the term "dependent child" shall be construed to mean a child under the age of eighteen who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of death, continued absence from the home, or physical or mental incapacity of a parent, and who is living with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, or aunt in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own home.

Terms construed.

SEC. 3. Aid to dependent children shall be granted with respect to a child who has resided in the District of Columbia for one year immediately preceding the application or who was born in the District of Columbia within one year immediately preceding the application, one or both of whose parents has resided in the District of Columbia for one year immediately preceding the birth.

Residence requirement.

SEC. 4. The Board of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia shall administer assistance under this Act. It shall prescribe the form and print and supply the blanks for applications, reports, and affidavits, and such other forms as it may deem advisable, and shall make rules and regulations necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of this Act and shall make and render any and all reports required by the Social Security Board of the United States Government or otherwise authorized or required by law, and comply with such provisions as the Social Security Board of the United States Government may, from time to time, find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports.

Administration by Board of Public Welfare.

SEC. 5. The amount of assistance for any child and the manner of providing it shall be determined by the Board of Public Welfare with due regard to 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.

Amount of assistance.

SEC. 6. Application for assistance under this Act shall be made to the Board of Public Welfare. The application shall be made in the manner and form prescribed by the Board of Public Welfare, and shall contain information as to the age and residence of the child and such other information as may be required by the Board of Public Welfare.

Application for assistance.

SEC. 7. Upon the receipt of an application for assistance, an investigation and record shall be made of the circumstances in order to determine the dependency of the child and to ascertain the facts supporting the application and such other information as may be required by the Board of Public Welfare.

Investigation and record.

SEC. 8. Upon completion of such investigation the Board of Public Welfare shall decide whether the child is eligible for assistance under the provisions of this Act, and shall determine the amount of such assistance and the date on which assistance shall begin.

Decision of Board.

- Reconsideration.** SEC. 9. All assistance grants made under this Act shall be reconsidered by the Board of Public Welfare as frequently as it may deem necessary. After such further investigations as the Board of Public Welfare may deem necessary, the amount of assistance may be changed, or assistance may be entirely withdrawn if the Board of Public Welfare finds that the child's circumstances have altered sufficiently to warrant such action.
- Appeal.** SEC. 10. If an application is not acted upon within a reasonable time of the filing of the application, or is denied in whole or in part, or if any award of assistance is modified or canceled under any provision of this Act, the applicant or recipient may appeal for a hearing to the Board of Public Welfare in a manner and form prescribed by the Board.
- Effect of subsequent legislation.** SEC. 11. All assistance granted under this Act shall be deemed to be granted and to be held subject to the provisions of any amending or repealing Act that may hereafter be passed, and no person shall have any claim for compensation or otherwise, by reason of a child's assistance being affected in any way by any amending or repealing Act.
- Cooperation with Social Security Board.** SEC. 12. The Board of Public Welfare is hereby authorized and directed to cooperate in all necessary respects with the Social Security Board of the United States Government in the administration of this Act, and to accept any sums allotted or appropriated by such Board, as are available under the provisions of the Social Security Act.  
49 Stat. 620.  
42 U. S. C. §§ 301-1307; Supp. III, ch. 7.  
*Ante*, pp. 93, 188; *post*, pp. 789, 790.
- Annual appropriations.** SEC. 13. Congress shall appropriate annually and make available to the order of the Board of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia such sums as may be needed to pay the share of the District of Columbia for aid to dependent children provided under this Act together with a sufficient sum to defray its share of administrative expenses to be incurred in connection therewith, and include such sums in the annual District of Columbia Appropriation Act. Should the sum so appropriated, however, be expended or exhausted during the year for the purposes for which it was appropriated, additional sums shall be appropriated by Congress as the case demands to carry out provisions of this Act. The balance remaining in the appropriation "Home care for dependent children" as contained in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1944, approved July 1, 1943 (Public Law 107, Seventy-eighth Congress, first session), as of the effective date of this Act is hereby made available to carry out the provisions of this Act and shall continue available for such purpose through June 30, 1944.
- Deficiencies.** SEC. 14. All necessary expenses incurred by the District of Columbia in carrying out the provisions of this Act shall be paid in the same manner as other expenses of the District of Columbia are paid.
- Funds available.** SEC. 15. Any adult person who attempts to obtain, or obtains, or aids or assists any child or other person to obtain, by false representation, fraud, or deceit, any allowance under this Act, or who receives for the benefit of any child any allowance knowing it to have been fraudulently obtained, shall upon conviction in the Municipal Court for the District of Columbia, criminal division, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
- 57 Stat. 334.
- Payment of expenses.** SEC. 16. This Act shall be cited as the "Aid to Dependent Children Act".
- False representations, etc.** SEC. 17. The Act entitled "An Act to provide home care for dependent children in the District of Columbia", approved June 22, 1926, and all other provisions of law in conflict with this Act, are hereby repealed.
- Punishment.**
- Short title.**
- Repeals.**  
44 Stat. 758.  
D. C. Code §§ 32-701 to 32-710.

SEC. 18. If any provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

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Separability.

[CHAPTER 258]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lives and health and morals of women and minor workers in the District of Columbia, and to establish a Minimum Wage Board, and define its powers and duties, and to provide for the fixing of minimum wages for such workers, and for other purposes", approved September 19, 1918, as amended.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 4, title II, of the Act entitled "An Act to protect the lives and health and morals of women and minor workers in the District of Columbia, and to establish a Minimum Wage Board, and define its powers and duties, and to provide for the fixing of minimum wages for such workers, and for other purposes", approved September 19, 1918, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting the words "they have been published at least once in two of the daily newspapers of general circulation in the District of Columbia", and inserting in lieu thereof "publication of notice at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District of Columbia that they have been adopted and copies are available to the public at the office of the Board".

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[Public Law 341]

District of Columbia.  
Minimum Wage and Industrial Safety Board.

55 Stat. 739.  
Publication of rules and regulations.

[CHAPTER 261]

AN ACT

To approve a contract negotiated with the Klamath Drainage District and to authorize its execution, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the contract dated April 28, 1943, negotiated by the Secretary of the Interior with the Klamath Drainage District and reported on as provided in subsections (a) and (c) of section 7 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), is approved and the Secretary is hereby authorized to execute it on behalf of the United States.

SEC. 2. In aid of the administration of this contract and for other purposes—

(a) The Act of May 27, 1920 (ch. 209, 41 Stat. 627), is hereby repealed.

(b) Lands owned by the United States, ceded by the States of California and Oregon pursuant to the Act of February 3, 1905 (Cal. Stat. 1905, p. 4), and of January 20, 1905 (L. Oreg. 1905, ch. 5, p. 63), lying in Klamath County, Oregon, west of range 11 east, Willamette meridian; and in Siskiyou County, California, west of range 4 east, Mount Diablo meridian, shall be subject to all applicable provisions of the Federal reclamation laws concerning entry and patent, except that any part of these lands administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to the existing agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation, as this may be amended from time to time with the approval of the Secretary, shall not be opened to entry.

(c) Net revenues heretofore and hereafter received from lands owned by the United States within the district boundaries shall be covered into the reclamation fund and shall be applied: First, to

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Klamath Drainage District.  
Approval of negotiated contract.

53 Stat. 1192.  
43 U. S. C. § 485f (a), (c).

Repeal.  
43 U. S. C. §§ 602-609.

Lands subject to entry and patent.

Exception.

Net revenues from U. S. lands within district boundaries.