

Who Said That?

“From its founding, the Nation's basic commitment has been to foster the dignity and wellbeing of all persons within its borders. We have come to recognize that forces not within the control of the poor contribute to their poverty. This perception, against the background of our traditions, has significantly influenced the development of the contemporary public assistance system. Welfare, by meeting the basic demands of subsistence, can help bring within the reach of the poor the same opportunities that are available to others to participate meaningfully in the life of the community. At the same time, welfare guards against the societal malaise that may flow from a widespread sense of unjustified frustration and insecurity. Public assistance, then, is not mere charity, but a means to ‘promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.’”

“Beneficent provision for the poor, the unfortunate, and the orphan is one of the first duties of a civilized and a Christian state. Therefore the General Assembly shall provide for and define the duties of a board of public welfare.”

“...it has been uniformly held in this State that the care of the indigent, sick, and afflicted poor is a proper function of the government of this State, and that the General Assembly may by statute require the counties of the State to perform this function at least within their territorial limits.”

Make A Match!

N.C.G.S.	Federal Regulation
C.F.R	State Session Law
S.L.	State Statute
N.C.A.C	Federal Statute
U.S.C.	Federal Session Law
P.L.	State Regulation