

discretion, that the Commission issue warrants for the retaking of parolees and issues warrants for the retaking of parolees charged with a violation of parole, upon the delegation of this power to the Director. The Division also makes such investigation as may enable the Parole Commission to determine the advisability of granting paroles to persons sentenced under the laws of Maryland.

Presentence or other investigations are completed for all State courts when requested. The Division must, unless the court specifically orders to the contrary, complete a presentence investigation when the sentencing of a defendant convicted of a felony in an Circuit Court or the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may result in the defendant being remanded to the jurisdiction of the Division of Correction or his referral to the Patuxent Institution. The Division, upon request of the courts, supervises the conduct of persons placed on probation and reports to the courts whether or not the conditions of such probation are being met. The Division also performs other probationary services as requested by the court.

The Division is authorized to conduct investigations and prepare reports when requested by the Governor or his designee concerning persons who make application for pardon or commutation of sentence or for clemency. The Division also performs investigations as required by the Uniform Out-of-State Parolee Supervision Act concerning parolees and probationers from other states now living in Maryland. Finally, the Division makes investigations, reports, and recommendations with respect to applications for review of criminal sentences as directed by the Court of Special Appeals.

The Division makes available the services of its staff to the Circuit Courts for the respective counties, the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the District Courts, the Parole Commission, the Governor, and the parole and probation jurisdictions of other states through the Out-of-State Parolee Supervision Act.

During the last three years the Division has shown tremendous growth in its investigation and supervision workload. It is now developing a casework service approach that is geared to the treatment and supervision needs of parolees and probationers in the community. These include an Employment Program to secure adequate jobs for clients; an Alcoholism Rehabilitation and Narcotics Program, which aids those so addicted; the administration of community service work programs as viable alternatives to traditional probation supervision; and administration of a citizen's

volunteer services program. In addition to rendering these and other services, the Parole and Probation agents assist clients in successfully reintegrating themselves into the community through counseling, casework, special programs, and community resources, and place appropriate controls on each client's conduct through effective and efficient supervision practices in order to reduce further criminal activity.

The Division maintains offices in the following areas: Annapolis, Baltimore City, Bel Air, Bladensburg, Cambridge, Camp Springs, Centreville, Chestertown, College Park, Cumberland, Denton, Dundalk, Easton, Ellicott City, Elkton, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Glen Burnie, Hagerstown, La Plata, Leonardtown, Oakland, Prince Frederick, Princess Anne, Rockville, Salisbury, Silver Spring, Snow Hill, Suitland, Towson, Westminster, and Woodlawn.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980, the Division supervised approximately 50,000 parole and probation cases and conducted approximately 21,000 investigations of various types.

Effective January 1, 1979, approximately 80,000 domestic support cases were transferred to the jurisdiction of the Department of Human Resources (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 117A-131A).

MARYLAND PAROLE COMMISSION

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The Maryland Parole Commission was created by Chapter 540, Acts of 1976, to replace the Board of Parole. The previous board had been established by Chapter 457, Acts of 1968, to replace the Board of Parole and Probation.

The Commission is composed of a chairperson and six commissioners, all of whom are appointed for terms of six years by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with the approval of the Governor and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Secretary of Public Safety