

EMERGENCY NUMBER SYSTEMS BOARD

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The Emergency Number Systems Board was created in 1979 (Chapter 730, Acts of 1979). The Board consists of eleven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member represents a telephone utility company operating in Maryland. One member each represents the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services, the Maryland State Police, the Maryland Public Service Commission, and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officers. Of two members representing county fire services in Maryland, one represents the career fire services and the other the volunteer fire services. Two members represent police services in Maryland. Two members represent the public at large. The Governor designates the chairperson.

On or before July 1, 1985, all counties are to have in operation a "911 system," an emergency telephone number service. A "911 system" automatically connects a person dialing the digits 911 to an established public safety answering point from which public safety services may be dispatched on a 24 hour basis. The Board's duties include coordinating of the implementation of county 911 systems on or before the established deadline of July 1, 1985; issuing guidelines for county 911 system plans; developing procedures for review and approval or disapproval of these plans, including system enhancements; and establishing criteria for reimbursement to any county from the 911 Trust Fund for a 911 system or its enhancement and setting procedures for review and approval or disapproval of requests for reimbursement from this Fund. The Board shall cease to exist when all counties have such systems in operation and have been reimbursed in accordance with Chapter 730, Acts of 1979.

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Prior to 1916, the Maryland Penitentiary and the Maryland House of Correction were autonomous institutions operating under the jurisdiction of a separate Board of Directors and a Board of Managers appointed by the Governor. By Chapter 556, Acts of 1916, these institutions were administered by the State Board of Prison Control. By Chapter 29, Acts of 1922, the Board of Welfare superseded the Board of Prison Control and administered the prisons. By Chapter 69, Acts of 1939, the Department of Correction and the Board of Correction assumed all rights, powers, and duties that had formerly been vested in the Board of Welfare.

By Chapter 758, Acts of 1953, the Superintendent of Prisons became the administrator of the Department. The Board of Correction established departmental policies and appointed executive personnel of institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department on recommendations made by the Superintendent of Prisons (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 667, 669-71, 675, 677). By Chapter 123, Acts of 1962, the administration of the Department of Correction changed. That act established an Advisory Board and created the office of Commissioner of Correction. In 1968 the Department of Correction became the Department of Correctional Services (Chapter 137, Acts of 1968).

Effective July 1, 1970, all State correctional responsibilities were assigned to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Chapter 401, Acts of 1970). The Department of Correctional Services was retitled and reestablished as the Division of Correction and continued exercising central administrative control over adult correctional facilities subject to the authority of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The same act also abolished the Advisory Board of the Department of Correction, the Advisory Board of the Division of Parole and Probation, and the Advisory Council for Correctional Services.

The Commissioner of Correction is appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with the approval of the Governor and by and with the consent and advice of the Senate. The Commissioner is in sole and active charge of the Division of Correction and of its several institutions and agencies, subject only to his responsibility to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and to the Governor (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 673-674).