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The Maryland Police Training Commission was created by Chapter 286, Acts of 1966, to improve the administration of law enforcement by raising standards of training and education.

The Commission consists of fourteen members of whom eleven are non-appointive office holders. These include the Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the President of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, the President of the Maryland Law Enforcement Officers, Inc., the Attorney General of the State of Maryland, the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Police Department, the President of the University of Maryland, the President of the Eastern Shore Police Association, a representative of the Fraternal Order of Police, the President of the Maryland State Sheriffs' Association, and the Agent in Charge of the Baltimore office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, with the approval of the Governor and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints the remaining three members for three-year terms. Each appointed member must be a police official from a different geographical area of the State. Non-appointive members may be represented by alternates, except for the Deputy Secretary for Public Safety and Correctional Services who serves as chairperson. With the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correction Services, the Commission appoints an Executive Director, to serve at its pleasure.

Subject to the authority of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Commission (under Article 41, sec. 70A, of the Annotated Code of Maryland) is vested with the following authority, responsibilities, and duties: to prescribe standards for the approval and continuation of approval of entrance-level and in-service schools at which police training and security training courses shall be conducted, including but not limited to present existing State, regional, county, and municipal police training schools; to approve and issue certificates of approval to such training schools; to inspect them from time to time, and to revoke for cause any approval or certificate issued. It prescribes curriculum, minimum courses of study, attendance requirements, eligibility to attend, equipment and facilities, and standards of operation for such training schools. The Commission requires that curriculum and minimum courses of study for entry and in-ser-

vice police training conducted by the State and all county and municipal police training schools include in each training cycle special training, attention to, and study of the application and the enforcement of the criminal laws concerning rape and sexual offenses and related evidentiary procedures, and also contact with and treatment of victims of these crimes. It prescribes minimum qualifications for instructors at such schools and certifies qualified instructors for approved training schools. It certifies officers who have satisfactorily completed training programs and issues appropriate certificates to them, and conducts and operates approved police training schools. It certifies persons as police officers who have met certain standards of the Commission and, under certain conditions, has the authority to suspend or revoke the certification.

The Commission is authorized to make a continuous study of entrance-level and in-service training methods and procedures and to consult with and accept the cooperation of any recognized federal, State, or municipal law enforcement agency or educational institution. It consults and cooperates with State universities, colleges, and institutions to develop courses of study in police science and police administration for police officers, and it consults and cooperates with other departments and agencies of the State concerned with police training. Persons who have not been satisfactorily trained during the twelve-month probationary period may not be employed as police officers, and no one may serve as a police officer after the certification has been revoked or suspended by the Commission or it has lapsed.

The administrative staff of the Commission also performs staff duties and responsibilities in connection with the Correctional Training Commission (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 70A).

## SUNDRY CLAIMS BOARD

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The Sundry Claims Board was established by Chapter 440, Acts of 1961, to administer claims filed by any prisoner in the Patuxent Institution, the Maryland Penitentiary, the Maryland House of Correction, or any other institution under the supervision of the Division of Correction, who has been injured in the course of his employment