

CHAPTER 694
(Senate Bill 567)

AN ACT to add new Section 188C to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Executive Department," to follow immediately after Section 188B thereof and to be under the new subheading "~~Executive Administrator for Correctional Services,~~" to create an executive agency known as the Office of Executive Administrator for Correctional Services to have certain policy, coordinating and other powers with respect to the functions of the Department of Correction, Board of Parole and Probation, Department of Parole and Probation, State Department of Juvenile Services, Department of Jail Programming, and Patuxent Institution, to provide for the appointment, powers and duties and office of the Executive Administrator and his powers over the heads of the departments, boards and agencies listed above. "COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES", TO CREATE A COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES TO CONSIST OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF CORRECTION, JUVENILE SERVICES, PAROLE AND PROBATION, THE PATUXENT INSTITUTION, THE JAIL PROGRAMMING AND INSPECTION OFFICER, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND AND OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO FIX THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL IN THE COORDINATION OF THE PROGRAMS, PLANNING AND PROCEDURES OF THESE AGENCIES.

WHEREAS, In its Report to the Legislative Council, the Committee on Prison Administration reported as follows:

In connection with our consideration of Judge George B. Rasin's proposal for coordination between the Departments of Correction and Juvenile Services, we now propose a more sweeping suggestion. It seems to us that there is a larger problem of coordination which would involve the Department of Correction, the Juvenile Services Department, the Parole and Probation Department and the Patuxent Institution. All of these agencies are concerned with various parts of what is one problem, the confinement, rehabilitation and release of violators of the criminal laws. We have noted elsewhere our opinion of the attempts we have made to achieve better cooperation between the Correction Department and the Parole Department in paroling prisoners. Despite the success of some of the steps we have suggested, there remains a basic difference of philosophy between these two departments. Such cross purposes, it seems to us, can only be resolved by grouping all of these agencies under a single administrative official. This person would be appointed by and responsible to the Governor. He would be empowered to set policy. The various agencies would function under him under the direction of their individual professional department heads.

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WHEREAS, In pursuance of this recommendation this Act proposes the creation of such an office as an executive agency; and