

WHEREAS, Under such a proposal each of the four agencies would retain its separate identity, but the purpose of avoiding intra-agency conflict, duplication of programs and overlap of services would be achieved; and

WHEREAS, The recent creation of the State Department of Juvenile Services was a commendable step but the activities of this Department are but one facet of the overall problem of handling the criminal offender, and the Joint Committee on Prisons of the General Assembly believes that the office proposed to be created in this Act is necessary positive approach to the handling of the criminal offender which ought to produce the greatest results to the public at the least cost; now, therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 188C be and it is hereby added 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, to be under the new subheading "Executive Administrator for Correctional Services," and to read as follows:*

188C.

*(a) There is hereby created the Office of Executive Administrator for Correctional Services. The Office shall be under the direction of an Executive Administrator who shall be appointed by the Governor of Maryland by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland. The Executive Administrator shall be a person with educational training and experience in penology, corrections, sociology, law or any combination of these. His appointment shall be for an indefinite term, at the pleasure of the Governor. In the operation and conduct of his office he shall be responsible solely to the Governor. The salary of the Executive Administrator shall be as provided in the annual State budget.*

*(b) The Executive Administrator shall have the following powers and duties with respect to the Department of Correction, Board of Parole and Probation, Department of Parole and Probation, Department of Jail Programming, State Department of Juvenile Services and the Patuxent Institution, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary:*

*(1) To direct the formulation of policy by and for the departments, boards and agencies listed in this subsection;*

*(2) To coordinate the programs, planning and procedures for these departments, boards and agencies; and*

*(3) To recommend personnel policy and personnel changes for these departments, boards and agencies to the Governor.*

*(c) The following persons: Commissioner of Correction; members of the Board of Parole and Probation; Director of Parole and Probation; Director of the State Department of Juvenile Services; and Director of the Department of Jail Programming; and Director of the Patuxent Institution shall exercise the powers and duties assigned to them by law under the direction, control and supervision*