

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the effect of this Act is contingent upon the extent to which funds are available for the stated purpose under Chapter 759 of the Acts of 1967 and contingent also upon whether the purposes of this Act can be accomplished without impairing the validity of bonds authorized or issued, and of any other Act or thing done, under the provisions of said Chapter 759 of the Acts of 1967.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That subject to the terms and conditions of Section 2 hereinabove, this Act shall take effect June 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 481
(Senate Bill 342)

AN ACT to add new Section 705 to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Cum. Supp.), title "Crimes and Punishment," subtitle "Regional Detention Centers"; to enable one or more Counties or Baltimore City to establish a Regional Detention Center; to provide for the funding of the construction, rehabilitation and certain limited staffing of the Centers; to give the Commissioner of Correction the authority and duty to set standards for, and determine qualification of, a Regional Detention Center and place with him the responsibility for approval of the rehabilitation and training programs of such centers ~~before obligating the State to pay a limited portion of the staffing of the centers~~; and further to provide certain State financial involvement in facilities now existing which later qualify as Regional Detention Centers and give to the Courts of this State the power to sentence directly to the Center in certain limited cases and matters generally relating thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 705 and new subtitle "Regional Detention Centers" be, and hereby are, added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Cum. Supp.), title "Crimes and Punishment," to follow immediately after Section 704 thereof, and all to read as follows:

Regional Detention Centers

705.

A. *Definitions*

1. *A Regional Detention Center is a facility operated by one or more Counties for the purpose of detention and confinement.*

2. *The term "Staffing" as used in this section shall mean persons hired solely for the purpose of rehabilitation, training and education of the persons confined within a Regional Detention Center. It may include the chief administrative officer of a facility if his function is more closely related to the rehabilitative process than that of overt*