to meet and exchange advice with reference to the conduct of their Departments and Institutions.

Every advantage is made of the facilities which the State has for the testing of materials, supplies and equipment, determining those commodities most suitable for use. Advice is also sought of the various scientific Agencies of the State to determine the composition of commodities offered for purchase and, subsequently, to determine the comparison of delivered articles and samples submitted.

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With the consent of the Senate, the Governor appoints the Director, who automatically becomes the Chairman of the Board of Parole and Probation, and who holds office for a term of two years. The remaining members of the Board are the Attorney General, the Superintendent of Prisons, and the Chief Probation Officer of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City.

The Board of Parole and Probation is charged with the responsibility of the administration of parole in Maryland, but the Director has the sole power to recommend persons to the Governor for release on parole.

In addition to parole administration, the Statute provides that the Division shall make such investigations of applicants for Executive Clemency as the Governor may require. The officers of the Division are also made available to the courts of the various county circuits and to the Criminal Court of Baltimore, as Probation Officers, to make investigations and supervise the conduct of persons released on probation.