

is to submit to the Division of Correction for approval regulations covering minimum standards for jails and other places of detention or confinement in the various counties and Baltimore City. He is charged with making the annual inspection of these facilities. He then must submit a report with his recommendations to the governing body of the county or to the Mayor and the City Council of Baltimore showing the results of his inspection, together with recommendations for improvement (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 27, sec. 704).

Chapter 481, Acts of 1968 provide for the establishment of Regional Detention Centers which are facilities operated by one or more counties for the purpose of detention and confinement. Chapter 540, Acts of 1968 included these regional detention facilities as installations under the general supervision of the Jail Programming and Inspection Officer (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 27, secs. 704-705).

In October, 1971, the Governor authorized the formation of a Community Corrections Task Force within the Maryland Division of Correction. Its charge was to develop a Statewide Community Corrections program, emphasizing alternatives to incarceration as well as appropriate classification and treatment of offenders through community correctional centers which would cause the maximum utilization of community resources.

Chapter 464, Acts of 1972, provided for the establishment of Community Correction Centers in the State of Maryland. By virtue of this Act, the Commissioner of Correction, with the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and with the approval of the local governing authority, and following a public hearing held in the area where the proposed center is to be located, has the authority to acquire by lease or purchase any facility for use as a Community Correction Center at any location within the State for the purpose of housing and rehabilitating offenders sentenced by the Courts of Maryland. The Commissioner has the same power, authority, duties and functions concerning Community Correction Centers as are conferred upon him in Art. 27, Sec. 689. Chapter 82 of the Acts of 1973 added a new section to Art. 27, Sec. 689 to include Community Correction Centers as part of the enumeration of those institutions for which the Division has responsibility, (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1973, Supp., Art. 27, Sec. 706).

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds	\$1,356,376	\$1,507,539

Staff: 1973, 72; 1974, 104 (General Funds Budget).
 1973, 24; 1974, 24 (State Use Industries).
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The Maryland Penitentiary, authorized by Resolution No. 32, Acts of 1804, and opened in 1811, was the second institution of its type established in the United States. It is a maximum security institution for the confinement of long-term prisoners committed by Courts in the State. In 1829 buildings containing workshops were constructed, thereby permitting the establishment of industrial activities. In 1845 an educational program was introduced, with the prison's chaplains teaching the inmates. Over the course of the years, a great deal of construction and demolition has taken place with the most