

Professional staffs render medical, psychiatric, and psychological services in the institutions. The institutions and pre-release units have complete programs of religious activities, and supervised recreational programs are conducted at all correctional facilities.

Chapter 535, Acts of 1980, repealed Article 27, section 704, and established the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards, removing the function of jail programming and inspection officer from the responsibility of the Division of Correction and placing it with the Correctional Standards Commission, which is an agency of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Chapter 481, Acts of 1968, provides 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, 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.

As a result of the work of this Task Force, significant legislation was enacted. Chapter 464, Acts of 1972, provided for the establishment of Community Correctional Centers in the State of Maryland. Chapter 234, Acts of 1976, repealed the former sec. 706, Art. 27, which related to these community correctional centers, and enacted the present subsections 706 to 710E under the new subtitle "Community Adult Rehabilitation Centers" (CARC). This Act provides that the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, with the assistance and advice of the Commissioner, may evaluate and determine the need, if any, for one or more community adult rehabilitation centers in each county or multi-region of the State. The law outlines the procedure for establishing a program for the development and operation of community adult rehabilitation centers; making certain findings; defining terms; providing certain duties of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Commissioner of Correction, counties and county governments, and the Board of Public Works; providing

for the establishment, location, construction, operation, and funding of county, regional, and State centers; and relating generally to community adult rehabilitation centers. The Task Force began operating centers in March 1974. Effective July 1978 the community adult rehabilitation centers were placed under the correctional camp system as pre-release units.

Chapter 534, Acts of 1980, provided that when the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services establishes a need for a CARC, the State will pay 100 percent of the costs associated with the start-up of the CARC. These costs would be determined by agreement between the Secretary and the jurisdiction where the CARC is to be located. In addition, the law provides that the Secretary, with the assistance and advice of the Commissioner of Correction and the Center's Community Advisory Board, shall develop and adopt minimum standards for the Centers.

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Chapter 695, Acts of 1967, provided that all convicted persons sentenced after June 1, 1967, be committed to the Division of Correction (the then Department of Correctional Services) and authorized the Department to establish Receiving and Classification Centers for prisoners.

On June 1, 1967, the Department established a Reception Center at the Maryland Penitentiary for male inmates. After diagnostic evaluation and classification, the inmate is assigned to one of the institutions of the Division of Correction (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 689(g)-690, 691-700(a)).

The Reception Center is located within the Maryland Penitentiary and operates under the same budgetary appropriation. A new Reception Center is presently being constructed near the Penitentiary complex in Baltimore City.

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The Maryland House of Correction, established by Chapter 233, Acts of 1874, is a medium secu-