

them for publication in the *Maryland Register* as "proposed regulations" prior to the December 1st deadline. These regulations will be promulgated on the basis that the date for "final adoption" and effectiveness will be no earlier than July 1, 1981, to coincide with the nominal effective date of Chapter 775, Acts of 1980. The Task Force would be "sunset" upon final adoption of the State procurement regulations.

The new regulations will ultimately appear in the *Code of Maryland Regulations* (COMAR) under a subjective title to be identified as "Title 21—State Procurement Regulations" and will simplify, clarify, and where possible standardize procurement regulations, policies, and practices of the State of Maryland.

TASK FORCE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

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The Governor appointed this task force in July 1980 to study the possibility of establishing a separate Department of Public Safety within State government. The Task Force is to focus on identifying those agencies and units in State government, in a principal department or not, whose functions logically dictate their inclusion in a Department of Public Safety. The Task Force is to report to the Governor by October 1, 1980.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION TO STUDY SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

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The Governor reorganized the Commission to Study Sovereign Immunity in July of 1975 in response to legislative initiatives seeking revisions in the common law doctrine of sovereign immunity. In an effort to provide the General Assembly with functional reference material, the Governor directed the Commission to explore the entire concept of sovereign immunity with particular emphasis on the practical and fiscal implications of a sovereign immunity abrogation in contract and tort. Pursuant to the Governor's charge, the Commission undertook an extensive survey to review the experience of other states that had modified the doctrine of sovereign immunity and to evaluate the impact anticipated by various sectors of the Maryland governmental communities in the event the doctrine was abrogated. A report was submitted to the Governor and General Assembly in November 1976.

TASK FORCE TO STUDY STATE-LOCAL FISCAL RELATIONSHIPS

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The Governor appointed this Task Force pursuant to the provisions of House Joint Resolution 85 of the 1979 General Assembly to examine the respective responsibilities and capabilities of State and local governments with a view toward not only greater tax equity but a more equitable and logical distribution of financial resources. The Task Force is to review the various State grants-in-aid to the subdivisions, including all forms of aid to education, as well as State aid to health services, law enforcement, and correctional and public safety services. Another major area of responsibility of the Task Force is an examination of the motor fuel and transportation taxes, and