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Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1971 created an Inmate Grievance Commission within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The five members of the Commission are appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services for terms of four years. At least two members are lawyers qualified to practice law in the State, and at least two are persons of knowledge and experience in one or more of the fields under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, with the advice of the Commission and with the approval of the Governor, appoints the Executive Director who serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.

Any person confined to an institution within the Division of Correction, or otherwise in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction or confined to the Patuxent Institution, who has any grievance or complaint against any official or employee of the Division of Correction or Patuxent Institution may submit such grievance or complaint to the Inmate Grievance Commission for adjudication (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 204F).

DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION

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The Division of Parole and Probation was originally created by Chapter 406, Acts of 1939, to administer the parole and probation laws of the State. By Chapter 653, Acts of 1953, the Division changed its name to the Department of Parole and Probation. The Division was further reorganized by Chapter 457, Acts of 1968, with the creation of a Division of Parole and Probation separated

and apart from the Board of Parole. Heretofore, the Director of the Division also had been the chairperson of the Board of Parole. The Division adopted its present name by Chapter 401, Acts of 1970, and became an agency of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services on July 1, 1970.

The head of the Division of Parole and Probation is the Director of Parole and Probation. The Director is appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, with the approval of the Governor and the advice and consent of the Senate, and serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.

The Division supervises the conduct of parolees and regularly informs the Maryland Parole Commission of their activities. The Division recommends, at its discretion, that the Commission issue warrants for the retaking of parolees and initiates warrants for the retaking of parolees charged with a violation of parole, upon the delegation of this power to the Director. The Division also makes such investigations as may enable the Parole Commission to determine the advisability of granting paroles to persons sentenced under the laws of Maryland.

Presentence or other investigations are completed for all State courts when requested. Unless the court specifically orders to the contrary, the Division must complete a presentence investigation when the sentencing of a defendant convicted of a felony in an Circuit Court or the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may result in the defendant being remanded to the jurisdiction of the Division of Correction or his referral to Patuxent Institution. Effective July 1, 1982, these presentence reports will contain a victim impact statement in accordance with Chapter 494, Acts of 1982. The Division, upon request of the courts, supervises the conduct of persons placed on probation and reports to the courts whether or not the conditions of such probation are being met. Approximately 40 percent of all probation dispositions include a requirement for payment of either victim restitution, court costs and fines, or attorney fees. The Division also performs other probationary services as requested by the court.

When requested by the Governor or his designee, the Division is authorized to conduct investigations and prepare reports concerning persons who apply for pardon, commutation of sentence, or clemency. The Division also performs investigations as required by the Uniform Out-of-State Parolee Supervision Act concerning parolees and probationers from other states now living in Maryland. As directed by the Court of Special Appeals, the Division investigates, reports, and