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The Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board was created in 1976 (Chapter 239, Acts of 1976). For budgetary and administrative purposes only the Board is within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

The Board advises the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals on matters pertaining to the development, operation, and maintenance of the Criminal Justice Information System as it relates to the security and privacy of criminal history record information. The Board monitors the System and recommends procedures and methods for the use of criminal history record information in research, evaluation, and statistical analysis of criminal activity. The Board also recommends legislation necessary to implement, operate, and maintain the System. Annually, the Board reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on the System's development and operation.

The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals adopt rules and regulations for the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the System. These rules and regulations govern the collection, reporting, and dissemination of criminal history record information by the courts and all other criminal justice agencies; ensure the security of the System and all criminal history record information; and govern the dissemination of criminal history record information consistent with federal law and regulations. Rules and regulations of the Criminal Justice Information System also govern procedures for inspecting and challenging criminal history record information. In addition, they govern the auditing of criminal justice agencies to ensure that criminal history records are accurate and complete, and that their information is disseminated in accordance with the law.

The System's central repository is used for the collection, storage, and dissemination of criminal history record information. It is operated by the Maryland State Police.

Every criminal justice agency must report criminal history record information to the central repository within certain time limits and by specified reporting methods. To avoid duplication in

reporting, the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals may determine the events to be reported by each criminal justice agency

Any person may inspect criminal history record information concerning himself or herself that is maintained by a criminal justice agency. The person may challenge the completeness, content, accuracy, or dissemination of such information by giving written notice; and the person has a right to have errors corrected. A person may not inspect any criminal history record information, however, if the information, or any part of it, is relevant to a pending criminal proceeding.

The Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board consists of sixteen members who serve three-year terms. The Governor appoints eight members. They include two executive officials of police agencies, one executive official from a correctional services agency, two elected county officials, one elected municipal official, one State's Attorney, and one public member. The Senate President appoints a Senate member and the Speaker of the House of Delegates appoints a House member to serve on the Board. The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals also appoints three Board members from the judicial branch of State government. Ex officio members include the Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory Board for Justice Assistance, the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Attorney General. The Governor designates the chairperson (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 742-755).

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