

The Commission has nine members appointed for five-year terms by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with the approval of the Governor. Membership must be geographically representative of the State (Code 1957, Art. 38A).

DIVISION OF PRETRIAL DETENTION & SERVICES

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The Division of Pretrial Detention and Services was established within the Department in 1991 (Chapter 59, Acts of 1991). At that time, the State assumed responsibility for the Baltimore City Jail and renamed it the Baltimore City Detention Center. Maryland is the only state which has administrative control over a large local detention center.

The Division oversees the Baltimore City Detention Center and Pretrial Release Services for those awaiting trial in criminal proceedings before the District Court or the Circuit Court of Baltimore City. Appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with the Governor's approval, the Commissioner of Pretrial Detention and Services heads the Division (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 4-1401 through 4-1414).

PRETRIAL RELEASE SERVICES

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Formerly under the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, the Pretrial Release Services Division became a unit of the Division of Parole and Probation in 1985 (Chapter 725, Acts of 1985). In 1988, the Pretrial Release Services Division was established as a separate division within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Chapter 474, Acts of 1988). The Division was reorganized as a program within the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services in 1991 (Chapter 59, Acts of 1991).

Pretrial Release Services investigates all defendants awaiting trial in criminal proceedings before the Baltimore City Circuit Court and the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City. The Program then provides the courts with verified information regarding the defendant's ties to the community and special problems such as alcoholism, drug addiction, or residential placement needs. The Program also makes recommendations to the courts

regarding pretrial release or detention of defendants awaiting trial.

Of some 51,978 defendants screened annually, the Program supervises and monitors approximately 19,000 defendants for whom the court orders pretrial release. Urine testing surveillance is used for some of these defendants. At trial or in subsequent proceedings, the Program reports to the court on the defendant's compliance with the terms of pretrial release. These compliance reports are used for sentencing decisions and, in some instances, plea bargaining negotiations.

To minimize unnecessary incarceration, the Program develops alternative sanction plans under court supervision, and arbitrates or mediates disputes when requested by the court. Under scrutiny of the courts, the State's Attorney, and the Public Defender or private counsel, the Program presents and defends alternatives to prosecution.

In addition, the Program reviews the status of defendants in pretrial detention in the Baltimore City Detention Center. To manage the Center's inmate capacity, the Program recommends options to the court, such as scheduling early trials; monitors writs, detainers, and violations of court orders; and further investigates the feasibility of recognizance or reduced bail for some defendants.

The Director and Deputy Director are appointed by the Commissioner of Pretrial Detention and Services with the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 4-1401 through 4-1406).

CENTRAL BOOKING & INTAKE FACILITY

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The Central Booking and Intake Facility is scheduled to open in 1995 in Baltimore City. All persons arrested in Baltimore City will be processed or "booked" at the Facility. The Facility will include Pretrial Release Services; the District Court Commissioners for Baltimore City; the Office of State's Attorney for Baltimore City; and Baltimore City Police Services (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 4-1414).

BALTIMORE CITY DETENTION CENTER

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The Baltimore City Detention Center, formerly the Baltimore City Jail, became part of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services in 1991 (Chapter 59, Acts of 1991). The Baltimore City Jail originated in the eighteenth century and was replaced by a new jail on Mill Street on the east side of Jones Falls in 1802. An annex for women inmates was constructed in 1823. The jail structure served until 1860 when a new