

of such Board of Correction in the exercise of the powers hereinbefore contained to diversify its industries in such a manner as to not work a hardship on any one particular free industry.

(4) The Board of Correction is hereby authorized and empowered to publish and distribute to the Department of Budget and Procurement a schedule of prices for the purchase of all such products, provided that such prices shall not exceed the wholesale market (or equivalent) rates for similar products manufactured, produced, or mined elsewhere in the State of Maryland. The Board of Correction is also authorized and empowered to consult and cooperate with the Department of Budget and Procurement and the representatives of such consuming institutions, in establishing certain standards of production, and shall with such Department and representatives determine the style, design and quality of the products of the producing institutions. Any difference of opinion on prices, standards, styles, design, and quality of such product or products which may arise between the Board and a representative of such Department or of any particular consuming institution, agency or sub-division of the State shall be forthwith submitted for immediate arbitration to a representative of the Board, a representative of the Department of Budget and Procurement and a representative of the State Comptroller or to a representative of the Board, of the particular consuming institution or agency or sub-division and of the State Comptroller as the case may be, whose joint determination shall be final and conclusive.

(5) The said Board shall have power and authority:

(a) To place prisoners at labor upon State works whenever in the judgment of said Board the same shall be expedient and proper, upon such terms as to it shall seem wise. The said Board is hereby directed to provide, whenever in its judgment the same may be expedient, such form of labor as will offer an opportunity to prisoners to earn a surplus over the cost of their maintenance to the State, and said Board shall further provide in its discretion for the payment of any part of such surplus so earned, to the prisoner earning the same, or to such person or persons as he may direct.

(b) To formulate a system of records and accounting which shall at all times indicate the source, nature and extent of its purchases, and the source, nature and extent of its sales.

(c) To possess and enjoy all powers and authority necessary for the proper performance of any duty or function by this section devolving upon or required of said Board.