

and any institution or agency thereunder. Title to and possession of property by the Department is as a trustee of the State of Maryland and the custody, use, acquisition, and conveyance of any property are subject generally to the powers and functions of the Board of Public Works.

(b) The Department may acquire property as required for its use and for the several institutions and agencies thereunder, by contract, purchase, or otherwise; and it may sell or otherwise dispose of and convey any property as appropriate to the needs of the Department and its several institutions and agencies.

669. The Department controls the financial affairs of its several institutions and agencies, and no bill or account against one of the institutions or agencies is payable unless approved by the Department.

670. The Department of Correction may apply for and receive from the federal government or any board, bureau, commission, department or other agency thereof any funds, chattels, or foodstuffs by way of grant or loan that may be offered to be used in the establishment and/or maintenance of the State PENAL AND reformatory institutions under its jurisdiction on such terms as said Board DEPARTMENT approves, provided there be IS no requirement to apply said funds, chattels, or foodstuffs or any part thereof in contravention of any provision of Maryland law relating to such institutions, and provided further that no such funds, chattels, or foodstuffs, may be accepted by way of loan without the approval of the Board of Public Works first having been obtained. The repayment thereof with the interest, if any, shall only be made out of funds appropriated to the Department in the Budget.

671. The party with whom any contract may be made by the Department may be required by the Department to execute a bond to the State, with security approved by the Department and in ~~nowise connected with any of said institutions~~, in such amount as the Department may fix for the faithful performance thereof; and the Department may rescind any contract as soon as there is a failure to comply therewith, and the Department in the name of the State and for the use of said Department may institute suit on the bond for any breach thereof.

#### Advisory Board

672.

(a) The Advisory Board of the Department of Correction is established. It has eight members, ~~of whom one is the chairman of the Board of Parole and Probation, ex officio~~. ONE OF WHOM FROM TIME TO TIME IS THE PERSON WHO IS SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF PAROLE AND PROBATION, EX OFFICIO. The Governor shall appoint the other seven members from time to time, and for good cause shown may remove any member or members from this appointive group. Vacancies on the Board from time to time, from any cause, shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term.

(b) The appointments to the Board shall be without regard to political affiliation. Members of the Board shall be at least thirty years of age, and interested and preferably experienced in social welfare and penology; and at least one of them shall be a woman. They shall all be persons of ability and understanding, and of