

*litical subdivisions, and by State-aided, owned, controlled, or managed public or quasi-public institutions and agencies, hereinafter called "consuming institutions", as may be feasible; but (EXCEPT AS HEREIN OTHERWISE PROVIDED in equipping the penal and reformatory institutions with plants, machinery, and necessaries, the Department of Correction shall not utilize monies from the so-called State Use Industries Fund for any of the permanent, semi-permanent, or long-time construction projects or assets which are generally included in the phrase "capital" assets, expenditures, or projects. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRECEDING SENTENCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION MAY ESTABLISH AND UTILIZE A REVOLVING FUND WHICH MAY NOT AT ANY TIME CONTAIN A SUM OF MONEY GREATER THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000); THE REVOLVING FUND MAY BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF CAPITAL ASSETS AND ALSO FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, AND AN ACCURATE DETAILED STATEMENT SHALL BE MADE AND TRANSMITTED TO THE COMPTROLLER FROM TIME TO TIME OF ALL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM THIS REVOLVING FUND. All of the consuming institutions shall purchase their requirements of the same from the Department of Correction exclusively except products such as the Department of Correction in writing notifies the State Purchasing Bureau DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND PROCUREMENT cannot be furnished by the penal or reformatory institutions of the State, or such as their perishable nature may render impracticable for such institutions to furnish; provided, however, that this requirement to purchase their said needs of the Department of Correction does not apply to any State-aided, managed, or controlled public or semi-public institution which does not receive at least fifty per cent of the funds for its upkeep (exclusive of receipts from its patrons) from the State of Maryland and/or some political subdivision or subdivisions thereof. It is the duty of the Department of Correction in the exercise of the powers hereinbefore contained to diversify its industries in such a manner as not to work a hardship on any one particular free industry.*

(d) *The Department of Correction may 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 may not exceed the wholesale market (or equivalent) rates for similar products manufactured, produced, or mined elsewhere in the State of Maryland. The Department of Correction also may consult and cooperate with the Department of Budget and Procurement and the representatives of such consuming institutions, in establishing certain standards of production, and with such Department and representatives shall 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 Department of Correction and a representative of such Department or of any particular consuming institution, agency, or subdivision of the State shall be forthwith submitted for immediate arbitration to a representative of the Department OF CORRECTION, a representative of the Department of Budget and Procurement, and a representative of the State Comptroller or to a representative of the Department OF CORRECTION, of the particular consuming institution or agency or subdivision,*