

~~public hearings~~, certain regulations covering minimum standards for jails and other places used for the detention or confinement of offenders against the laws of this State. Such standards shall include but not be exclusive of such items as security precautions, housing and sanitation facilities, FOOD SERVICES, custodial personnel and administrative reporting, including periodic prisoner population and status reports to State's Attorneys and Judges. Such regulations and standards may from time to time be changed or amended by the Department of Correction ~~after due notice and opportunity for same to be protested by interested persons~~. Copies of all regulations and standards and changes thereto shall be furnished to every interested person at no charge.

(b) At least annually, the Department of Correction shall inspect the several county and Baltimore City jails, lockups, jail farms and other such places OF DETENTION. The Department will submit a report to the county commissioners of the several counties and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, showing the results of such inspection together with recommendations as to any improvements OR CONSTRUCTION which should be made. In the event the Department finds that the jail or other such place does not meet the minimum standards as heretofore promulgated, copies of the report and recommendations shall be forwarded to the GOVERNING BODY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND THE State's Attorney and Circuit Court Judges for the county or Baltimore City. In the event that such deficiencies are not SUBSTANTIALLY corrected within ~~90~~ 180 days so that the said jail or other such place OF DETENTION meets minimum standards, the Department shall order such place closed and all prisoners therein shall be transferred TO A SUITABLE PLACE OF DETENTION IN THE OPINION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION WITH THE EXPENSES THEREOF TO BE PAID BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; EXCEPT THAT IN BALTIMORE CITY THE REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSFER OF PRISONERS SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE.

(c) In the event the County Commissioners of any county and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore provide for making SUCH REQUIRED improvements to the jail or such other place OF DETENTION of said county or city, the State, through the Board of Public Works, ~~may~~ SHALL make provision for paying ~~one fourth of the costs of such improvements~~. ONE-HALF OF THE COSTS OF SUCH CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENTS, THE PLANS AND COSTS FOR SAME TO BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.