

and provisions of this agreement, and who shall provide, within and without the state, information necessary to the effective operation of this agreement.

ARTICLE VIII

616-I.

This agreement shall enter into full force and effect as to a party state when such state has enacted the same into law. A state party to this agreement may withdraw herefrom by enacting a statute repealing the same. However, the withdrawal of any state shall not affect the status of any proceedings already initiated by inmates or by state officers at the time such withdrawal takes effect, nor shall it affect their rights in respect thereof.

ARTICLE IX

616J.

This agreement shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate its purposes. The provisions of this agreement shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this agreement is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this agreement and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this agreement shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state party hereto, the agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.

Supplemental Provisions

616K.

(a) The phrase "appropriate court" as used in the Interstate Agreement on Detainers, with reference to the courts of this State, means any court in this State having criminal jurisdiction which is part of the Circuit court of a county, the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, or any other court, including trial magistrates, of lesser criminal jurisdiction than these specified courts.

(b) The phrase "correctional institution" as used in the Interstate Agreement on Detainers, with reference to correctional institutions in this State means any institution or facility referred to in Section 689 of this Article and the jail of any county or the City of Baltimore.

616L.

All courts, departments, agencies, officers and employees of this State and its political subdivisions are hereby directed to enforce the Interstate Agreement on Detainers and to cooperate with one another and with other party states in enforcing the Agreement and effectuating its purpose.

616M.

If any offender or person legally detained and confined in any correctional institution or facility in this State, who, by reason of