

for the administration, staff and admissions requirements for said institution.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Sections 19C and 19D be and they are hereby added to Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Lunatics and Insane", subtitle "Department of Mental Hygiene", to follow immediately after Section 19B thereof, and to read as follows:*

19C.

*There shall be a center and hospital for psychiatric research to be known as the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center. It will focus on the prevention, causes and treatment of mental illness and allied conditions with the powers and duties as provided in this article and elsewhere in the laws of the State. Said center shall be established in Catonsville, Maryland, on the grounds of Spring Grove State Hospital.*

19D.

*(a) The Maryland Psychiatric Research Center shall be within the administrative control, supervision and direction of the Department of Mental Hygiene.*

*(b) The Commissioner of Mental Hygiene upon the approval of the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene shall appoint a director of said research who shall be subject to the provisions of the Merit System law. The director shall be a well-qualified psychiatrist who shall be experienced in the various aspects of psychiatric research. In addition to functioning as the director of the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center, said director will function as the Director of Research for the Department of Mental Hygiene.*

*The director shall receive such compensation as shall be provided in the budget, shall be responsible to the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene for the operation of the center in his charge, and shall submit to the Department such reports, including medical and financial, as the Department of Mental Hygiene may request. It shall be the duty of the director to inform the Department of Mental Hygiene of the conditions in his center, and to order that such changes as seem desirable for the welfare of the patients, who may be there for special treatment, be put into effect, with the approval of the Department of Mental Hygiene.*

*(c) All other appointments of personnel at said center shall be made by the director thereof under the provisions of the Merit System law.*

*(d) Patients shall be admitted to the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center only as transfers from the State psychiatric hospitals and State hospitals for the retarded.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved April 21, 1967.