

Department of Jail Programming
JAIL PROGRAMMING AND INSPECTION

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(a) There is hereby created the Department of Jail Programming. The Department shall be under the direction of the Director of Jail Programming. The Director shall be appointed by the Governor of Maryland, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland, for an indefinite term, at the pleasure of the Governor. The salary of the Director shall be as provided in the annual State budget.

(A) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION THE POSITION OF JAIL PROGRAMMING AND INSPECTION OFFICER. THE OFFICER SHALL HAVE THE POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION. HE SHALL HAVE THE SALARY SPECIFIED IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET.

(b) It shall be the duty of the ~~Department~~ OFFICER TO SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL 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~~. OFFICER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT. Copies of all regulations and standards and changes thereto shall be furnished to every interested person at no charge.

(c) At least annually, the ~~Department~~ OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE shall inspect the several county and Baltimore City jails, lockups, jail farms and other such places of detention. The ~~Department~~ OFFICER 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~~ OFFICER 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 180 days so that the said jail or other such place of detention meets minimum standards, the ~~Department~~ OFFICER 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.

(d) 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