

report and recommendations to be forwarded, under certain circumstances, to designated officials, requiring the jail programming and inspection officer, under certain circumstances, to order the closing of regional detention and correctional centers and the transfer of prisoners confined therein to a suitable place of detention at the expense of the governing body of the political subdivisions maintaining, operating or participating in a regional detention and correctional center and extending authority to the Commissioner of Correction, under certain designated circumstances, to exercise any of the powers and duties vested in the jail programming and inspection officer by law.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That subsections (c) and (d) of Section 704 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume, 1967 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishment," subtitle "Places of Reformation and Punishment," subheading "Department of Correction," sub-subheading "Jail Programming and Inspection Officer," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and new subsection (e) be and it is hereby added to Section 704 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume, 1967 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishment," subtitle "Places of Reformation and Punishment," subheading "Department of Correction," sub-subheading "Jail Programming and Inspection Officer," to follow immediately after subsection (d) thereof, and to read as follows:

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(c) At least annually, the officer or his designated representative shall inspect the *regional detention and correctional centers*, the several county and Baltimore City jails, lockups, jail farms and other such places of detention. The 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 officer finds that *the regional detention or correctional center*, 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 *or subdivisions* and the State's Attorney and Circuit Court Judges for the county *or counties* or Baltimore City. In the event that such deficiencies are not substantially corrected within 180 days so that the said *regional detention and correctional center*, jail or other place of detention meets suitable standards, the 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 *or subdivisions, as the case may be*; except that in Baltimore City the requirement for transfer of prisoners shall not be applicable. *Should a regional detention and correctional center be closed and the prisoners confined therein transferred to a suitable place of detention upon said order of the Department of Correction, the expenses thereof shall be divided and paid, in equal amounts, by the governing body of the political subdivisions maintaining, operating or participating in said regional detention and correctional center.*