

(4) *To prescribe minimum qualifications for instructors at such schools and to certify, as qualified, instructors for approved training schools and to issue appropriate certificates to such instructors;*

(5) *To certify correctional officers who have satisfactorily completed training programs and to issue appropriate certificates to such correctional officers;*

(6) *To appoint, with the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, an executive secretary to serve at its pleasure, who shall perform general administrative functions, and to fix his compensation;*

(7) *To employ such other persons as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, upon approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and as provided for in the State budget;*

(8) *To promulgate with the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, such rules and regulations as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes and objectives of this section;*

(9) *To make a continuous study of correctional training methods and procedures for all correctional schools and to consult with and accept the cooperation of any recognized Federal, State, or municipal correctional agency or educational institution;*

(10) *To consult and cooperate with universities, colleges and institutions for the development of all general and specialized courses of study for correctional officers as defined in this section;*

(11) *To consult and cooperate with other departments and agencies of the State concerned with correctional training;*

(12) *To perform such other acts as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out its functions and duties as set forth in this section.*

(f) *A probationary appointment as a correctional officer as defined in this section may be made for a total period not exceeding one (1) year for the purpose of enabling such a person seeking permanent appointment to take a training course as prescribed in this section.* BY THE COMMISSION. *Such an appointee shall be entitled to leave of absence with pay during the period of the training program.*

(g) *On or after July 1, 1972, no person shall hereafter be given or accept a probationary or permanent appointment as a correctional officer, as defined in this section, unless such person satisfactorily meets such qualifications as may be determined by the Commission.*

(H) EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, NOTHING HEREIN CONTAINED SHALL BE DEEMED TO LIMIT THE POWERS, RIGHTS, DUTIES OR RESPONSIBILITIES OF MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

Approved April 29, 1971