

ployment, participate in a training or rehabilitation program, or attend educational institutions in the county, while serving the term of his sentence; provided, however, that such prescription shall in no event lengthen or shorten the term of the sentence.

(b) Establishment of work release program. The Prince George's County Commissioners shall establish a "work release" program under which persons sentenced to imprisonment in a county jail or detention center within Prince George's County, or such other similar institution under the jurisdiction of the county, by a judge [Of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County or the People's Court of Prince George's County], may be granted the privileges of leaving actual confinement during necessary and reasonable hours for the purpose of working at gainful private employment. Such program may also include, under appropriate conditions, release for the purpose of seeking such employment. Whenever the prisoner is not employed, or otherwise participating in his work release program, he shall be confined in the county jail or detention center unless the committing court shall otherwise direct.

§ 690. Sentence to jurisdiction of Department; transfers.

(a) Judges to which section applicable.—The provisions of this section are applicable to any judge of the circuit court for any county, the judges of the [c]Criminal [c]Court[s] of Baltimore [City] and [.] any [trial magistrate, people's court] judge [or municipal court judge] of the District Court, exercising criminal jurisdiction, and all of such persons are described herein as "judge."

§ 705. Establishment and maintenance; sentencing to center.

F. Sentencing to regional detention center.—Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland a judge of the Criminal Court of Baltimore [City], the circuit court [of] for any county, [the Municipal Court of Baltimore City, the people's court of any county] or any [magistrate] judge of the District Court, may sentence a convicted offender to a regional detention center; provided the sentence imposed is for a period of not more than 18 months; and provided further that the court imposing the sentence be located within a jurisdiction which is a party to the operation and maintenance of the facility to which the person is sentenced.

§ 714. Escaping or attempting to escape.

Any convict escaping or attempting to escape shall on conviction before [a justice of the peace] the District Court or before the circuit court [of] for the county in which the offense was committed or before the Criminal Court of Baltimore [City], be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor and be sentenced to imprisonment in the institution to which he had been previously sentenced for a term not less than three months nor for more than one half of the entire term for which he had been sentenced prior to his escape or effort to escape in the discretion of the court.

§ 720. Certifying number of available prisoners to Governor; proviso as to Frederick City.

The Governor of this State may from time to time require the Board of Correction to certify to him the number of male prisoners confined