

*title and for the operation and administration of the Mental Retardation Administration as are needed.*

#### 7. Director

*The chief executive officer of the Administration shall be the Director. The Director shall be a person who has demonstrated competence in the field of mental retardation and its administration. He shall be appointed by the Secretary and shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. The Director shall receive such salary as may be provided in the budget. All powers, duties and responsibilities vested in the Director shall be exercised or performed by him or his subordinates subject to the authority of the Secretary; and the Secretary may, in his discretion, exercise or perform any power, duty or responsibility which the Director is authorized to exercise or perform.*

#### 8. Powers and Duties of the Director

*The Director shall have the following powers and duties:*

*(a) He shall organize and administer the Administration in such manner as will best enable it to discharge the duties assigned to it by law and by the Secretary.*

*(b) He shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Secretary, such deputy and assistant directors AND SUPERINTENDENTS as may be provided for in the budget.*

*(c) He shall be responsible for supervision, direction, and control of the operation of each public facility within the jurisdiction of the Administration.*

*(d) He shall provide or encourage, by consultation, cooperation, contract, or direct operation, all necessary services to facilitate the early detection, accurate evaluation, proper referral, adequate protection, and optimal development of mentally retarded persons in need of services, whether in a residential program or a program providing less than 24 hour care.*

*(e) He shall negotiate with public or private agencies and individuals within or without the State for the provision of any service for which the Administration has responsibility, but which may be more effectively provided for by purchase of service than direct administration.*

*(f) He shall establish criteria for admission to and retention in public facilities within the jurisdiction of the Administration.*

*(g) He shall promulgate regulations and standards for licensing of private and public facilities for the mentally retarded.*

*(h) He shall promote effective planning for and citizen support of programs related to the mentally retarded.*

*(i) He shall insure that individual rights and liberties of the mentally retarded are protected. If he finds any person being held by a public or private facility in a manner contrary to law or the provisions of this article, he shall institute appropriate proceedings to obtain the release of that person.*