

122.

(a) It shall be the duty of the Board of its own initiative to request the [Department] DIVISION to make such investigation as may enable the Board to determine the advisability of granting parole to persons sentenced under the laws of this State, to the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction, or to any other place of confinement or detention of violators of the criminal laws of the State whenever such prisoner shall have served in confinement one fourth of such term or consecutive terms.

124.

(b) The parole AND PROBATION agents of the [Department] DIVISION shall provide the judge of said courts with presentence reports or other investigations in all cases when requested by any judge. The presentence reports shall be made available, upon request, to the defendant's attorney and the State's attorney's office. However presentence reports shall be confidential and not available for public inspection except upon court order or for use by any correctional institution. Such agents shall also perform such other probationary services as the said judges may from time to time request.

125.

The State's attorneys in the several counties and the City of Baltimore are hereby required to make and transmit to the [Department] DIVISION and the Department of Correction a resume of the facts and evidence adduced in each case tried in the circuit courts of the several counties of the State, and in the Criminal Court of Baltimore City wherein a verdict of guilty was found, and a sentence of one year or more has been imposed, so that each [Department] AGENCY may have on file an abstract of each case in which application for parole may be made under provisions of this article.

127A.

Any person sentenced after July 1, 1970, to the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction and having served his term or terms, less the deductions provided for in Article 27, § 700 of this Code, shall, upon release, be deemed as if released on parole until the expiration of the maximum term or terms for which he was sentenced. Said released prisoner shall be subject to all laws, rules, regulations and conditions applicable to parolees and shall remain under the supervision of the State [Department] DIVISION of Parole and Probation until the expiration of the maximum term or terms for which he was sentenced.

This section shall not prevent delivery of a prisoner to any State or federal authority otherwise entitled to his custody.

131A.

The [Department] DIVISION of Parole and Probation is authorized to establish a citizens' support unit to be known as Guide, which shall stand for give understanding, inspiration, direction and encouragement. This unit shall be comprised of citizens who volunteer their time and services to aid in the education and counseling of parolees and probationers.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

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