

on April 27, 1979. As the attached memorandum report indicates, it was the conclusion of the representatives that the jail could not house delinquent juveniles in a manner that would preclude regular contact with adult inmates. 1/ The jail lacks separate facilities and services for juvenile offenders, is seriously overcrowded and understaffed, and cannot adequately assure the protection of detained juveniles. * * *

In view of this report, it is virtually certain that enactment of House Bill 1263 and its subsequent implementation in Prince George's County would result in substantial noncompliance by the State of Maryland with the Section 223(a)(13) requirement. The consequence of such noncompliance would most likely be the immediate termination of formula grant funding eligibility for the State.

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There is always the remote possibility that Prince George's County would implement House Bill 1263 in a manner consistent with the statute and LEAA guidelines and policy direction. However, given the structure and conditions of the Prince George's County jail, it does not appear that the proposed legislation could be implemented in a manner consistent with the Section 223(a)(13) requirement.

In a May 4, 1979 letter to Delegate Joan Pitkin, Prince George's County Executive Lawrence J. Hogan advised:

...As you are aware, the citizens of Prince George's County have expressed their desire to hold the line on spending. In concert with the people's mandate, I cannot in good conscience request supplemental funds or positions necessary to meet the fiscal requirements of the subject legislation. Accordingly, House Bill 1263 does not have the endorsement of the Prince George's County Government.

In response to the specific questions raised in your correspondence, the situation is as follows:

- a) There are no plans contemplated for additional construction or renovation of existing facilities in our FY 1980 budget.
- b) Additionally, the FY 1980 budget does not contain positions to accommodate the implementation of a juvenile program.
- c) There are currently no supplemental training or counseling programs in the FY 1980 budget to facilitate the intent of the subject legislation.