

STANDARDS shall, BY RULE OR REGULATION, develop and adopt minimum State standards for centers. These standards shall include criteria and guidelines for:

- (1) The siting of the centers;
  - (2) The physical characteristics of the centers, including design and layout;
  - (3) Programs and staffing;
  - (4) Screening procedures with respect to placements in the centers;
  - (5) Accounting, reporting, and accountability;
- and
- (6) General program and management operations.

(b) These standards shall be deemed to be rules and regulations, and the Secretary shall comply with the Administrative Procedure Act, the State Documents Law, and other applicable laws in their development and adoption.

(c) "STANDARDS" HAS THE SAME DEFINITION AS FOUND IN ARTICLE 41, § 70C(B)(6).

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative  
Departments

70C.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE METHOD OF ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS AND INSURING COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH STANDARDS IN ORDER TO BETTER PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF MARYLAND'S CITIZENS BY REDUCING INCIDENTS OF CRIME.

(B) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL STANDARDS.

(3) "COUNTY" MEANS ANY COUNTY OF THE STATE AND BALTIMORE CITY.

(4) "MUNICIPALITY" MEANS ANY INCORPORATED CITY OF THE STATE OTHER THAN BALTIMORE CITY.

(5) --"CORRECTIONAL---FACILITY"---MEANS---PATIENT INSTITUTION,---COUNTY---AND---MUNICIPAL---LOCKUPS,---JAILS---AND DETENTION-CENTERS,---LOCAL-WORK---RELEASE---CENTERS,---PRERELEASE CENTERS,---COMMUNITY---ADULT---CORRECTIONAL---REHABILITATION CENTERS,---AND---SIMILAR---RESIDENTIAL---CORRECTIONAL---INSTITUTIONS, AND---ALL---OTHER---PLACES---OF---ADULT---CORRECTIONAL---CONFINEMENT