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(A) The Department shall collect, analyze, and disseminate information relative to the incidence of crime within the State, the identity of known and suspected offenders, and the arrest, disposition, and incarceration of such offenders. All law enforcement agencies of the State and all places for the confinement of persons convicted of crime, including Patuxent Institution and hospitals for the criminally insane, shall furnish such information at such times, in such form, and to such extent as may be prescribed by rule of the Superintendent.

(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT AND ANALYZE INFORMATION RELATING TO INCIDENTS INSPIRED BY RACIAL HATRED, SUCH AS THE BURNING OF CROSSES, POSTING OF SWASTIKAS, AND OTHER ACTS CONNECTED WITH GROUPS THAT ADVOCATE THE NOTION OF RACIAL PURITY APPARENTLY DIRECTED AGAINST RACIAL, RELIGIOUS, OR ETHNIC GROUPS.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUEST SUCH INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS ALL LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND FROM THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS STATE FIRE MARSHAL AND INCLUDE THE INFORMATION IN ITS ANALYSES.

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(A) Any information, records, and statistics collected pursuant to this subtitle shall be available for use by any agency required to furnish information, to the extent that such information is reasonably necessary or useful to such agency in carrying out the duties imposed upon it by law. The Superintendent may by rule establish such conditions for the use or availability of such information as may be necessary to its preservation, the protection of confidential information, or the circumstances of a pending prosecution.

~~(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE MONTHLY REPORTS OF THE INFORMATION RELATING TO INCIDENTS INSPIRED BY RACIAL HATRED TO THE STATE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.~~

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE STATE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OF THE INFORMATION COMPILED PURSUANT TO § 9(B) OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 12, 1981.