

release of persons suspected, charged, or convicted of a crime and which allocates a substantial portion of its annual budget to any of these functions. The term does not include the Juvenile Services Administration or a juvenile court, but it does include the following agencies, when exercising jurisdiction over criminal matters or criminal history record information:

(1) State, county, and municipal police departments and agencies, sheriffs' offices, correctional facilities, jails, and detention centers;

(2) The offices of the Attorney General, the State's attorneys, and any other person authorized by law to prosecute persons accused of criminal offenses;

(3) The Administrative Office of the Courts, the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, the circuit courts, [including the courts of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City,] the District Court of Maryland, and the offices of the clerks of these courts.

Article 27A - Public Defender

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(b) Legal representation shall be provided indigent defendants in the following proceedings:

(1) In any criminal or juvenile proceeding constitutionally requiring the presence of counsel prior to presentment before a commissioner or judge.

(2) Criminal or juvenile proceedings, where the defendant is charged with a serious crime, before the District Court of Maryland, [the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City,] the various circuit courts within the State of Maryland, and the Court of Special Appeals.

(3) Postconviction proceedings under Article 27, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(4) Any other proceeding where possible incarceration pursuant to a judicial commitment of individuals in institutions of a public or private nature may result.

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(e) The clerks of the [several] circuit courts [and the Superior Court of Baltimore City] and the District Court throughout the State shall provide separate books for the recording of said liens, which books shall be properly indexed in the name of the debtor. The Public Defender shall not be required to pay filing or recording fees.