

2. "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

3. "COUNTY" OR "COUNTIES" MEANS 1 OR MORE OF THE 23 COUNTIES OF MARYLAND AND BALTIMORE CITY.

B. The governing body of one or more counties may establish and maintain a [regional] LOCAL detention center and may enter into a written agreement with each other as to allocation of responsibility, construction, operation, maintenance and appointment of personnel. The State may, but need not be a party to any such agreement.

C. The chief administrator of a [regional] LOCAL detention facility shall be responsible for the safekeeping and care of all prisoners and other persons detained or sentenced to the [regional] LOCAL detention facility from the time they are lawfully detained in or committed thereto, until discharged, released or withdrawn pursuant to court order or other lawful authority. Nothing herein shall affect the powers and duties of the sheriff of any county in respect to the safekeeping and custody of all prisoners or persons, except when the prisoners or persons are lawfully assigned to a [regional] LOCAL detention facility OPERATED BY MORE THAN 1 COUNTY.

D. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION E. OF THIS SECTION:

~~B.~~ 1. Upon the determination by a county or counties to build or maintain a [regional] LOCAL detention center, application may be made to the [Commissioner of Corrections] SECRETARY for financial assistance for the construction or enlargement of the facility. The applicant shall provide such information in such form as may be required by the [Commissioner] SECRETARY, including the PROGRAM AND plans for construction, and the rehabilitation and training programs to be instituted.

2. Where any county or counties has its plan for construction approved by the [Commissioner] SECRETARY the State shall pay the same share as that provided for jail construction or rehabilitation.

3. The [Commissioner of Corrections] SECRETARY is hereby authorized to receive any grant of funds from the federal government or any other public or private foundation or agency for the purposes designated [herein] IN THIS SECTION.

4. In the event the county commissioners of any county, or of the counties maintaining, operating or participating in a [regional] LOCAL detention and correctional center or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore provide for making improvements resulting from the adoption of mandatory or approved standards to the [regional] LOCAL detention and correctional center, the jail or other such places of detention