

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MARCH 16, 1985

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MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The importance of providing preventive and rehabilitative programs for juveniles has long been recognized;

WHEREAS, There is a continuing need to develop innovative approaches and opportunities to address the societal problem of juvenile delinquency;

WHEREAS, There is a need to develop and provide structured athletic activities for juveniles under the purview of the Juvenile Services Administration to effectively respond to delinquent behavior;

WHEREAS, There is a large number of professional athletes, athletic organizations, college athletes, and university athletic organizations prepared and interested in participating in such a program;

WHEREAS, There is a need to coordinate, plan and administer athletic opportunities to juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY ESTABLISH THE PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES COUNCIL.

I. Placement

The Professional Athletes Council is created as an independent unit within the Juvenile Services Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The Council shall be responsible for:

- A. Developing opportunities for youth in Juvenile Services Administration facilities to interact with role models to:
 1. Channel the energies of participating youth into healthy and wholesome activities;
 2. Create awareness of self-worth and achievement;
 3. Develop a sense of belonging, cooperation and