

Section 4-1301 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 13.
Law Enforcement and Correctional Training Fund"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly has expressed concern about the adequacy and extensiveness of existing programs intended to meet the current and projected training needs of Maryland's law enforcement and correctional personnel; and

WHEREAS, A report was presented in response to a 1987 legislative directive (embodied in the 1987 General Construction Loan, Joint Chairmen's Report) that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services address such concerns with an eye towards establishing a Public Safety Training Center; and

WHEREAS, A report was jointly prepared by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Police and Correctional Training Commissions in response to the 1987 legislative directive which the General Assembly has found to be responsive to and consistent with legislative intent; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that existing training for State/local law enforcement and correctional personnel in Maryland accomplished under the aegis of the Police and Correctional Training Commissions, is conducted at (1) the Police and Correctional Training Commissions' Woodstock site; (2) the Maryland State Police complex at Pikesville; (3) various institutions and units operated by the division of Correction; (4) facilities operated by several local law enforcement and correctional agencies; and (5) facilities operated by other state and local agencies; and

WHEREAS, It is clear from a review of the Report that the State of Maryland is in crucial need of a centralized, state-of-the-art Public Safety Training Center to meet the current and projected training needs of State/local law enforcement and correctional personnel into the twenty first century; and

WHEREAS, It is the General Assembly's position that existing public safety training facilities can no longer be confidently relied upon to prepare all levels/ranks of today's public safety personnel for the demands placed on them by society in general, the courts, federal government, and Maryland General Assembly because of reasons which include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) that the Correctional Training Academy in Woodstock is expected to experience an unprecedented growth in