

(b) The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall be responsible for promulgating rules and regulations for his office. He shall review and shall have the power to approve, disapprove or revise the rules and regulations of all of the divisions, boards, commissions, offices and other agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

(c) The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services may in his discretion exercise or perform any power, duty, responsibility or function which any of the divisions, boards, commissions, offices or other agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services are authorized to exercise or perform, except for those powers, duties, responsibilities and functions set forth in Article 38A, §§ 7(a) and 14(a); and Article 41, §§ 4-504(a) and (c), 4-507(b), 4-511, and 4-701 of this Code.

(d) In addition to such advisory boards as are or may be established by law, the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services may, with the approval of the Governor, create such advisory boards of such size as he deems appropriate or utilize as an advisory board any existing commission established by executive order.

(e) The Secretary shall be responsible for planning activities of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and he shall be authorized to review and approve, disapprove or revise the plans, proposals and projects of the agencies within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

(f) The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall have a seal for purposes of authentication of copies of records or papers in his office.

(g) The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services may authorize an evaluation or study of the operation and effectiveness of any agency within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The Secretary may make available any inmate, institutional, or other agency records for purposes of the evaluation or study to a person, firm, or corporation authorized to conduct a study or evaluation, who may not transmit, by any means, any information or records received during the course of the study or evaluation to any other person, firm, or corporation, except to the Secretary. The evaluation or study shall be reported to the Secretary and shall be released to the public by the Secretary, except that any records used in the publication shall not contain the name of any inmate unless consent is obtained from the inmate and the Secretary.

(h) (1) The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall adopt regulations governing the policies and management of correctional facilities within the Division of Correction.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, and notwithstanding the provisions of § 10-101(e)(2)(i) of the State Government Article, the regulations described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall comply with Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article (Administrative Procedure Act - Regulations).

(3) The requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection do not apply to guidelines pertaining to the routine internal management of correctional facilities within the Division of Correction.