

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 27, § 707(c).

No changes are made.

Defined term: "Commissioner of Correction" § 1-101

(D) REGIONAL CENTER

"REGIONAL CENTER" MEANS A CENTER THAT SERVES MORE THAN ONE COUNTY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to avoid repetition of the phrase "center that serves more than one county". It is based on former Art. 27, § 708(c) as it related to regional centers.

Defined term: "County" § 1-101

11-302. "CENTER" TO INCLUDE REGIONAL CENTER.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT APPLY TO A CENTER SHALL ALSO APPLY TO A REGIONAL CENTER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added to clarify that provisions that refer only to "a center" and that lack an express reference to a "center or regional center" are intended also to apply to regional centers.

Defined terms: "Center" § 11-301
"Regional center" § 11-301

11-303. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) THERE IS A NEED FOR CENTERS FOR THE HOUSING AND REHABILITATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF CRIMES BUT WHO, IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE COURTS AND APPROPRIATE CORRECTIONAL PERSONNEL, CAN BEST BE REHABILITATED WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY IN A LOCAL COMMUNITY FACILITY;

(2) THE CENTERS SHOULD BE ONLY ONE COMPONENT IN THE OVERALL CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM AND BE UTILIZED ONLY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN BEST BE REHABILITATED IN THEM AND WHO WILL NOT PRESENT A SUBSTANTIAL DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY;

(3) TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT THE CENTERS WILL BE SAFE, THE CENTERS SHOULD, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE, BE LOCATED AND OPERATED BY THE COUNTIES, CONSISTENT WITH STATEWIDE STANDARDS, AND WITH STATE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT; AND

(4) THE STATE SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO LOCATE, CONSTRUCT, AND OPERATE A CENTER ONLY IF:

(I) THERE IS A DEMONSTRATED NEED FOR A CENTER; AND