

Also throughout this article, the word "law" is substituted for former phrases such as "law or regulation" because the broad reference to a "law" includes a "regulation" adopted under the authority of a law. See, e.g., Maryland Port Administration v. Brawner Contracting Co., 303 Md. 44, 60 (1985).

Also throughout this article, the term "unit" is substituted for former references such as "agency", "department", "administration", "commission", and "office", except when a former reference indicated a specific entity or was included as part of a defined term. The term "unit" is used as the general term for an organization in the State government because it is broad enough to include all such entities.

Also throughout this article, references to current units and positions are substituted for obsolete references to entities and positions that have been abolished or have otherwise ceased to exist.

The term "correctional facility" is defined broadly in Title 1 of this article and, for consistency, is used throughout the article as a substitute for former references such as "reformatory", "jail", "prison", "penal institution", "institution", "lock-up", and "detention center". The term "correctional facility" includes former references to more specific terms such as "community correctional facility", "work-release facility", and "prerelease facility".

The terms "State correctional facility" and "local correctional facility" are also defined in Title 1 of this article. In some provisions of this article, for brevity, the term "State and local correctional facilities" is used when referring to both "State correctional facilities" and "local correctional facilities".

Also throughout this article, for brevity and consistency, references to correctional facilities "in" the Division of Correction are substituted for former references to correctional facilities "under the jurisdiction of", "under the control of", or "under" the Division of Correction. Any correctional facility that is under the jurisdiction or control of the Division of Correction is "in" the Division of Correction.

Also throughout this article, references to a "term of imprisonment" are used to refer to a penalty that is imposed on an individual as a part of a criminal sentence after the individual has been convicted of a crime. In this way, the Correctional Services Article is consistent with most penalty provisions in Article 27 (Crimes and Punishments) of the Code, which typically impose a "term of imprisonment" rather than a "term of confinement". However, for clarity and consistency, references to a "term of confinement" are used throughout this article to refer to an individual's complete obligation of confinement in a correctional facility (i.e., all sentences combined minus any applicable diminution credits).

Also throughout this article, for consistency, the terms "confined" and "confinement" are substituted for former references such as "incarcerated", "incarceration", "detained", "detention", "imprisoned", and "imprisonment" when referring to an inmate who is being held in a correctional facility.

Also throughout this article, for accuracy and consistency, the term "crime" is substituted for former references to an "offense" when referring to offenses that are misdemeanors or felonies under state or federal law.