

Total Appropriation

144,735,036

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services include provisions in all future inmate medical contracts that cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) provided to the contractor shall not be in effect until the same day of the fiscal year that COLAs are provided for all State employees. This provision would apply to all regions of the State of Maryland covering offenders under the jurisdiction of the Division of Correction, Patuxent Institution, and the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services. The department should make every effort to incorporate such provisions, consistent with legislative intent, for the medical contract renewal period beginning July 1, 2003.

Provided that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) shall furnish a report delineating the progress of the pilot program regarding American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation for facilities now in place at the Western and Eastern Correctional Institutions. The report shall address the costs and schedule for the proposed implementation of the program to all other institutions, estimated additional cost impact by institution, and how these additional costs will be absorbed within the institution's appropriation. Additionally, the report will address the potential benefits of being accredited and any potential disadvantages. The report shall be due by August 16, 2002. The budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of receipt of the report to review and comment.