FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt regulations that establish certain standards applicable to victim notification and restitution; and generally relating to standards for correctional facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Correctional Services

Section 8-103(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Correctional Services

8-103.

- (a) (1) With the advice of the Commission, the Secretary shall adopt regulations that establish minimum mandatory standards applicable to security and inmate control, inmate safety, inmate food services, inmate housing and sanitation, inmate rights, classification, hearings, VICTIM NOTIFICATION, RESTITUTION, and administrative record keeping.
- (2) The minimum mandatory standards adopted under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall apply to all State and local correctional facilities.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved April-27, 2004.

CHAPTER 148

(Senate Bill 894)

AN ACT concerning

Education Fiscal Accountability and Oversight Act of 2004

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Superintendent and the State Department of Education to monitor the financial status of each county board of education and report to the Governor and General Assembly on a quarterly biannual basis; requiring the local superintendent or chief executive officer of a local school system to file a certain quarterly biannual report and to make a certain attestation; providing that if a local school system does not file a certain annual audit, the State Superintendent shall take certain action; providing that if a local school system has a deficit, the State Superintendent shall immediately notify the Governor, and the General Assembly, and the county governing authority and shall require a local school system to develop a certain corrective