

and the Maryland Interagency Law Enforcement System. The Office also supervises the statewide Civil Defense Alert System.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL STANDARDS

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The Commission on Correctional Standards was formed in 1980 to improve standards for correctional facilities and programs and to ensure compliance with standards for the public health, safety, and welfare (Chapter 535, Acts of 1980). The Commission advises the Secretary on standards for State and local correctional facilities; provides technical assistance to jurisdictions; audits facilities to determine compliance with correctional standards; and determines schedules for remedial action of jurisdictions that do not comply. After a public hearing, the Commission may order the closing of a correctional facility determined to be in noncompliance with established standards. The Commission also reviews and acts on appeals of staff audit reports.

To make State and national standards compatible, the Commission consults and coordinates with national agencies promulgating correctional standards. The Commission also may consult and cooperate with other State agencies and local jurisdictions on correctional standards and may establish advisory boards.

The Commission has eleven members. Eight are appointed for three-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. They include two Maryland citizens not directly employed in the field of corrections, one official or employee of the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections or a similar national correctional accreditation organization, one local elected official, two State government correctional personnel, and two local government correctional personnel. Three members serve ex officio: the Attorney General, the Secretary of General Services, and the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning. With the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Com-

mission appoints the Executive Director (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 4-401).

CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD

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Instituted in 1968, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board assists victims of crime (Chapter 455, Acts of 1968). The Board administers a compensation program for innocent persons suffering physical injury or death as a result of criminal acts or in their efforts to prevent crime or apprehend persons committing or attempting to commit crimes. The Board maintains an office and staff to investigate and hear claims for awards filed with the Board.

The Board has five members appointed for five-year terms by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with the Governor's approval and Senate advice and consent. No more than four members may belong to the same political party. One member must have been admitted to the practice of law in Maryland not less than five years prior to appointment. With the approval of the Governor, the Secretary designates the chairperson. The Board appoints the Executive Director with the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Code 1957, Art. 26A).

EMERGENCY NUMBER SYSTEMS BOARD

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The Emergency Number Systems Board was created in 1979 (Chapter 730, Acts of 1979). The Board coordinates installation and enhancement of county 911 systems, which are emergency telephone number services. A "911 system" automatically connects a person dialing the digits 9-1-1 on a telephone to a public safety answering point from which police, fire, ambulance or other public safety services may be dispatched on a 24-hour basis. Since July 1, 1985, all counties and Baltimore City have had a "911 system" installed.

The Board issues guidelines for county 911 system plans and determines review procedures to approve or disapprove these plans. The Board sets criteria for reimbursing counties from the original 911 Trust Fund and from ongoing funds, and provides for audit of Trust Fund accounts. All 911-related information and procedures are transmitted by the Board to the county executive and county council, or to the president of the board of county commissioners of each county, and/or their designated 911 committee representative. Annually, the Board provides the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with an installation schedule and funding requirements estimate.