

exercise of Executive clemency. The Governor may, without notice, parole such convict, commute the sentence or suspend its execution for a definite period or from time to time as he deems proper. If the sentence is suspended, the officer in charge of such institution, a reasonable time before the anticipated birth of such child, shall cause such woman to be removed from such institution and provided with comfortable accommodations, maintenance and medical care elsewhere under such supervision and safeguard to prevent her escape from custody, as he may determine, and subject to her return to such institution as soon after the birth of such child as the state of her health will permit. The expenses of such accommodation, maintenance and medical care shall be paid by said woman or her relatives or friends, or from any fund that would be available for the hospital expenses of such inmate within the institution, or if not otherwise available, shall be a charge upon the county, city or town from which such inmate was committed to such institution, and collectible by such officer in charge of such institution. A child so born may be returned with its mother to the institution in which the mother is confined, if the Board of Correction, in its judgment, deems it will be for the best interest of the said child; but if the Board of Correction, in its judgment, decides that it will not be for the best interest of the child to be returned to the institution with its mother, then, upon proof being furnished by the father or other relatives of their ability properly to care for and maintain such child, the said Board shall order that the child be given into the care and custody of the father or other relative, who shall thereafter care for and maintain the same at his or her own expense until the release of the mother of such child or until such child shall have been duly adopted as provided by law. If it shall appear that the father or other relative is unable properly to care for and maintain such child, the Board of Correction shall place the child in the care of the officer exercising power of a Superintendent of the Poor of the county from which said inmate was committed as a proper charge upon such county, or in the care of any charitable organization willing to provide for the child; or in case the mother of the child was a resident of Baltimore City, then in that event, the child shall be placed in the care of the Henry Watson Children's Aid Society or the Saint Vincent's Infant Asylum.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 695. 1916, ch. 556, sec. 649.

**783.** It shall be lawful for the Board of Correction on such terms and conditions as it may prescribe to receive into custody and put to labor any person who may be sentenced to imprisonment in the Maryland Penitentiary or in the Maryland House of Correction by the Courts of the United States for the District of Maryland, and any person who may be sentenced to imprisonment by the Courts of the United States for the District of Maryland shall, while in such institutions, be subject to the same rules and discipline to which other convicts from the State Courts are subjected.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 696. 1916, ch. 556, sec. 650.

**784.** The Criminal Court of Baltimore and the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County, shall, at each term of Court, charge the Grand Jury attending thereupon to inquire into the conduct and management of each of said institutions within the jurisdiction of said Court, and shall make presentments of all offenses and omissions of any person in or relating to said institution.

This section referred to in passing upon functions of grand jury; criticism of public officials; power exceeded. *In re* Report of Grand Jury, 152 Md. 623.