

CREATING CERTAIN PENAL INSTITUTIONS
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AN ACT

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Creating certain penal and correctional institutions and boards of trustees; abolishing certain penal institutions; imposing duties upon the Commissioner of Correction of the Department of Justice; and providing for the costs of transportation and maintenance of inmates.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. There are hereby created, as departmental administrative boards in the Department of Justice, new boards of trustees which shall have general direction and control of the property and management, as provided by The Administrative Code, the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), as amended, of certain institutions which the Department of Justice is hereby specifically authorized to establish:

(a) The Board of Trustees of the State Penitentiary at Rockview;

(b) The Board of Trustees of the State Penitentiary at Graterford; and

(c) The Board of Trustees of the State Penitentiary at Huntingdon.

Compiler's Note: Section 502 of Act 164 of 1980 provided that the powers and duties of the Attorney General and/or the Department of Justice contained in section 1 are transferred to the Office of General Counsel.

Section 2. The Commissioner of Correction of the Department of Justice shall formulate a State-wide plan of operation of the penal and correctional institutions within the Department of Justice. The Eastern and Western State Penitentiaries shall be maximum security institutions and the State Penitentiaries at Rockview, Graterford and Huntingdon shall be used for maximum, medium and minimum security institutions, as the Commissioner of Correction shall designate by such plan: Provided, however, That each institution shall have a separate warden or superintendent, and the practice of having branch institutions shall be abolished.

Compiler's Note: Section 502 of Act 164 of 1980 provided that the powers and duties of the Attorney General and/or the Department of Justice contained in section 2 are transferred to the Office of General Counsel.

Section 3. Each of the institutions hereby authorized, when established, shall receive and care for those persons assigned or transferred thereto by the Deputy Commissioner for Treatment of the Department of Justice in accordance with law.

Compiler's Note: Section 502 of Act 164 of 1980 provided that the powers and duties of the Attorney General and/or the Department of Justice contained in section 3 are transferred to the Office of General Counsel.

Section 4. The costs of transporting persons to and from the institutions hereby authorized and the costs of their maintenance therein shall be borne by the Commonwealth and the several counties to the extent and in the manner now provided by law.

Section 5. This act shall become effective, as to each institution and its board of trustees herein provided for, upon the date fixed by the Governor in a proclamation pertaining to that institution.

Section 6. The act, approved the fifteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 571), is hereby repealed, which repeal shall become effective, as to each institution and its board of trustees, upon the date fixed by the Governor in a proclamation pertaining to that institution.