

# SENATE BILL 574

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By: **Senators McCray and Guzzone**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – District Court – Jobs Court Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Jobs Court Pilot Program in the District Court sitting  
4 in Baltimore City; establishing the purpose of the pilot program; requiring the  
5 Administrative Office of the Courts to take certain actions to accomplish the purpose  
6 of the pilot program; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts, in  
7 consultation with the Baltimore Workforce Development Board, to provide a certain  
8 report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;  
9 ~~establishing the creation of three Position Identification Numbers for a certain~~  
10 ~~purpose~~; requiring the Governor to make a certain mandatory ~~appropriations~~  
11 appropriation in a certain fiscal year; providing for the termination of this Act; and  
12 generally relating to the establishment of the Jobs Court Pilot Program in Baltimore  
13 City.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Criminal Procedure

16 Section 6–235

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **6-235.**

2 (A) **THERE IS A JOBS COURT PILOT PROGRAM IN THE DISTRICT COURT**  
3 **SITTING IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

4 (B) **THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM BY**  
5 **OFFERING DEFENDANTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN FULL-TIME JOB**  
6 **TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT PROGRAMS AS A CONDITION OF PROBATION ~~OR AS,~~**  
7 **AN ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION, OR A CONDITION OF PRETRIAL RELEASE.**

8 (C) **TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE**  
9 **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SHALL:**

10 (1) **DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT AND MONITOR THE PILOT**  
11 **PROGRAM;~~AND~~**

12 (2) ~~**ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ASSIGN FUNDS TO THE DISTRICT**~~  
13 ~~**COURT FOR THE COUNTIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.**~~

14 (D) **ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2025, THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE**  
15 **COURTS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BALTIMORE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**  
16 **BOARD, SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257**  
17 **OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE**  
18 **OPERATION AND RESULTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

20 (a) ~~**Three Position Identification Numbers (PINs) shall be created for the purpose**~~  
21 ~~**of hiring social workers to assist in administering the pilot program.**~~

22 (b) ~~**For**~~ **for** fiscal year 2022, the Governor shall include in the annual State budget:

23 (1) **an appropriation of at least \$250,000 to the ~~Governor's Workforce~~**  
24 ~~**Investment**~~ **Baltimore Workforce Development Board, to be distributed to local workforce**  
25 **investment boards or other nonprofit entities that participate in the pilot program by**  
26 **identifying employers and training programs;~~and~~**

27 (2) ~~**an appropriation of at least \$250,000 to the Administrative Office of the**~~  
28 ~~**Courts, to be assigned to the District Court for the counties, including Baltimore City, that**~~  
29 ~~**participate in the pilot program.**~~

30 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
31 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025,  
32 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
33 of no further force and effect.