

HOUSE BILL 92

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ENROLLED BILL

— Appropriations/ Education, Energy, and the Environment and Finance —

Introduced by **Delegate Amprey**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Resources and Education for All Prisons (REAP) Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
4 to assist incarcerated individuals in accessing certain federal education grants;
5 requiring the ~~Maryland~~ Department of ~~Labor~~ to set certain goals relating to
6 incarcerated individuals in certain education programs, establish certain tracking
7 systems relating to incarcerated individuals in certain education programs, and
8 forward certain data to the Maryland Higher Education Commission; ~~authorizing~~
9 requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to assist the ~~Maryland~~
10 Department of ~~Labor~~ in establishing certain tracking systems; and generally relating
11 to resources and education for incarcerated individuals.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Correctional Services

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



Section 2-701 and 2-702 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. ~~Incarcerated Individual Access to~~ Federal Pell Grants Access and Postsecondary Education Program Tracking Systems”

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article – Labor and Employment~~

~~Section 11-903.1~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2016 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

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

Article – Correctional Services

~~SUBTITLE 7. INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL ACCESS TO~~ FEDERAL PELL GRANTS ACCESS AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAM TRACKING SYSTEMS.

2-701.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSIST INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IN
ACCESSING FEDERAL PELL GRANTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

(B) IN ORDER TO ASSIST INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IN ACCESSING
FEDERAL PELL GRANTS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION, INCLUDING:

(1) ~~THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE~~ ALL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF
MARYLAND INSTITUTIONS;

(2) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY;

(3) ~~BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;~~

(4) ~~THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS;~~

(5) ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE;

(6) (4) HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE;

(7) (5) WOR-WIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND

(8) (6) GOUCHER COLLEGE.

1 2-702.

2 ~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS~~
3 ~~SUBTITLE.~~

4 ~~Article Labor and Employment~~

5 ~~11-903.1.~~

6 ~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL" HAS THE MEANING~~
7 ~~STATED IN § 1-101 OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ARTICLE.~~

8 ~~(B) (A)~~ THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY WITH RESPECT TO POSTSECONDARY
9 EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN A CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION IN THE DIVISION OF
10 CORRECTION IN THE DEPARTMENT ~~OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL~~
11 ~~SERVICES.~~

12 ~~(C) (B)~~ THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

13 (1) SET GOALS FOR THE NUMBER OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IN
14 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS;

15 (2) ESTABLISH A TRACKING SYSTEM FOR THE NUMBER OF
16 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS;

17 (3) ESTABLISH A TRACKING SYSTEM FOR THE PROGRESS OF
18 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS,
19 INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF COLLEGE CREDITS THAT EACH INCARCERATED
20 INDIVIDUAL EARNS IN AN APPROVED COLLEGE PROGRAM; AND

21 (4) FORWARD, AT AN AGREED-ON INTERVAL, THE TRACKING DATA
22 FOR THE NUMBER OF COLLEGE CREDITS THAT EACH INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL
23 EARNS IN AN APPROVED COLLEGE PROGRAM TO THE MARYLAND HIGHER
24 EDUCATION COMMISSION.

25 ~~(D) (C)~~ THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION ~~MAY~~ SHALL
26 ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN CREATING THE TRACKING SYSTEMS UNDER
27 SUBSECTION ~~(C) (B)~~ OF THIS SECTION.

28 ~~(E) (D)~~ FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE
29 ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT FOR THE
30 DEPARTMENT TO USE FOR MARKETING FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

1 PROGRAMS TO INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS AND FOR THE TRACKING SYSTEMS FOR
2 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

3 ~~(F)~~ (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT
4 THIS SECTION.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.