

Chapter 900

(Senate Bill 402)

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Training Commission – Membership – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Correctional Training Commission; requiring certain members of the Commission appointed by the Governor to represent certain geographic regions; and generally relating to the Correctional Training Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 8–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 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

8–204.

(a) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “CAPITAL REGION” MEANS FREDERICK COUNTY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.

(3) “CENTRAL REGION” MEANS ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE COUNTY, CARROLL COUNTY, HARFORD COUNTY, AND HOWARD COUNTY.

(4) “EASTERN SHORE REGION” MEANS CAROLINE COUNTY, CECIL COUNTY, DORCHESTER COUNTY, KENT COUNTY, QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, SOMERSET COUNTY, TALBOT COUNTY, WICOMICO COUNTY, AND WORCESTER COUNTY.

(5) “SOUTHERN REGION” MEANS CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, AND ST. MARY’S COUNTY.

(6) “WESTERN REGION” MEANS ALLEGANY COUNTY, GARRETT

COUNTY, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(B) The Commission consists of the following members:

- (1) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- (2) the Secretary of Juvenile Services;
- (3) a representative of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, designated by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- (4) a representative of the Department of Juvenile Services, designated by the Secretary of Juvenile Services;
- (5) a Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- (6) the president of the Maryland Correctional Administrators Association;
- (7) the president of the Maryland Sheriffs Association;
- (8) the president of the Maryland Criminal Justice Association;
- (9) [a representative of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, designated by its Director;
- (10)] the Attorney General of the State;
- [(11)] **(10)** the president of a university or college in the State with a correctional education curriculum, appointed by the Maryland Higher Education Commission;
- [(12)] **(11)** one correctional officer of the State recommended by the exclusive representative for the officers covered under Title 10, Subtitle 9 of this article and appointed by the Governor; and
- [(13)] **(12)** [four] **FIVE** correctional officers or officials [of the State] appointed under subsection [(b)] **(C)** of this section.

[(b)] **(C)** (1) The Governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, [four] **FIVE** correctional officers or officials **FROM LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES** to be members of the Commission[, at least one of whom shall be a Department of Juvenile Services employee or official].

(2) The [four] **FIVE** members appointed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall represent [different] **EACH OF THE FOLLOWING** geographic areas of the

State:

- (I) THE CAPITAL REGION;
- (II) THE CENTRAL REGION;
- (III) THE EASTERN SHORE REGION;
- (IV) THE SOUTHERN REGION; AND
- (V) THE WESTERN REGION.

(3) The term of a member who is appointed under paragraph (1) of this subsection is 3 years.

(4) The terms of the members who are appointed under paragraph (1) of this subsection are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Commission on [October 1, 1999] **JUNE 1, 2024**.

(5) (i) At the end of a term, a member who was appointed under paragraph (1) of this subsection continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(ii) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the remainder of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

[(c)] (D) Except for the [four] **FIVE** members appointed by the Governor under subsection [(b)] (C) of this section, a member of the Commission may serve personally at a Commission meeting or designate a representative from the member's unit or association who may act at any meeting to the same effect as if the member were personally present.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The terms of the following correctional officers or officials appointed by the Governor shall expire as follows:

(1) the member whose term is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2024, shall be succeeded by a member appointed from one of the available regions under § 8–204(c)(2) of the Correctional Services Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act;

(2) the members whose terms are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2025, shall be succeeded by members appointed from the available regions under § 8–204(c)(2) of the Correctional Services Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

(3) the member whose term is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026, shall

be succeeded by a member appointed from one of the available regions under § 8–204(c)(2) of the Correctional Services Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

(b) The Governor shall appoint a fifth member to the Commission under § 8–204(c) of the Correctional Services Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, to begin that member’s term on July 1, 2024, from one of the available regions under § 8–204(c)(2) of the Correctional Services Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2024.