

HOUSE BILL 140

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – ~~Annual Report~~**
3 **Study and Reports on Effectiveness of Programs for Offenders**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Department of Public Safety and
5 Correctional Services to study the effectiveness of certain programs for
6 offenders; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the study to contain certain information;
7 ~~requiring~~ providing that, if a certain study is conducted, the intent of the
8 General Assembly is that the Department ~~to~~ report ~~annually~~ certain
9 information to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain
10 date and at certain intervals thereafter; and generally relating to the
11 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and reports on
12 effectiveness of programs for offenders.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Correctional Services
15 Section 2–601 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Reports”
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

20 **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.



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SUBTITLE 6. REPORTS.

2 2-601.

3 (A) THE DEPARTMENT ~~SHALL~~ MAY STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
4 DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS FOR OFFENDERS.

5 (B) IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY ~~REQUIRED~~ AUTHORIZED UNDER
6 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT ~~SHALL~~ MAY:

7 (1) ANALYZE THE COST OF ~~EACH PROGRAM~~ A SELECTED GROUP
8 OF PROGRAMS PER OFFENDER CONFINED WITHIN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
9 OR UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT; AND

10 (2) ANALYZE THE BENEFITS OF ~~EACH~~ A PROGRAM FOR
11 OFFENDERS CONFINED WITHIN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OR UNDER
12 SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT TO:

13 (I) CRIME VICTIMS;

14 (II) TAXPAYERS; AND

15 (III) OFFENDERS.

16 ~~(C) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2013, THE~~
17 ~~DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO~~
18 ~~§ 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON~~
19 ~~THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS FOR OFFENDERS.~~

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if the Department of
21 Public Safety and Correctional Services conducts the study described in this Act, it is
22 the intent of the General Assembly that the Department, on or before September 1,
23 2013, and every 3 years thereafter, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with
24 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the effectiveness of departmental
25 programs for offenders.

26 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
27 effect October 1, 2012.