

Chapter 361

(House Bill 794)

AN ACT concerning

Division of Parole and Probation – Pre-Parole Investigations for Inmates of Local Facilities

FOR the purpose of requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to complete and submit to the Parole Commission the results of pre-parole investigations of certain inmates in local correctional facilities within a certain number of days of the inmates' commitment for the purpose of enabling the Parole Commission to determine the advisability of granting parole to those inmates; and generally relating to eligibility for parole.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 7–301(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Correctional Services

7–301.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Commission shall request that the Division of Parole and Probation make an investigation for inmates in a local correctional facility and the Division of Correction make an investigation for inmates in a State correctional facility that will enable the Commission to determine the advisability of granting parole to an inmate who:

(i) has been sentenced under the laws of the State to serve a term of 6 months or more in a correctional facility; and

(ii) has served in confinement one-fourth of the inmate's aggregate sentence.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, or as otherwise provided by law or in a predetermined parole release agreement, an inmate is not eligible for parole until the inmate has served in confinement one-fourth of the inmate's aggregate sentence.

(3) An inmate may be released on parole at any time in order to undergo drug or alcohol treatment, mental health treatment, or to participate in a residential program of treatment in the best interest of an inmate's expected or newborn child if the inmate:

(i) is not serving a sentence for a crime of violence, as defined in § 14-101 of the Criminal Law Article;

(ii) is not serving a sentence for a violation of Title 3, Subtitle 6, § 5-608(d), § 5-609(d), § 5-612, § 5-613, § 5-614, § 5-621, § 5-622, or § 5-628 of the Criminal Law Article; and

(iii) has been determined to be amenable to treatment.

(4) THE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION SHALL COMPLETE AND SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSION EACH INVESTIGATION OF AN INMATE IN A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION WITHIN 60 DAYS OF COMMITMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.