

# HOUSE BILL 947

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By: **Delegates Bartlett and Shetty**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Female Inmate Serving Life Term – Transitional Work**  
3 **Release Program**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Division of Correction within the Department of Public  
5 Safety and Correctional Services to establish a certain transitional work release  
6 program for certain qualified inmates and to adopt certain regulations; establishing  
7 the qualifications for participation in a certain transitional work release program;  
8 authorizing the Division to conduct certain drug tests, require certain monitoring by  
9 a global positioning system device, and deduct certain wages from a certain program  
10 participant for certain purposes; providing for certain requirements relating to  
11 employment and housing for certain transitional work release program participants;  
12 defining a certain term; and generally relating to transitional work release  
13 programs.

14 BY adding to  
15 Article – Correctional Services  
16 Section 3–812  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Correctional Services**

22 **3–812.**

23 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “QUALIFIED INMATE” MEANS A FEMALE INMATE WHO:**  
24 **(1) HAS SERVED A MINIMUM OF 15 YEARS OF A LIFE SENTENCE;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



3 (3) HAS SHOWN REHABILITATION AND GROWTH IN MATURITY DURING  
4 INCARCERATION, AS DETERMINED BY CASE MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE DIVISION.

6 (1) ESTABLISH A TRANSITIONAL WORK RELEASE PROGRAM FOR  
7 QUALIFIED INMATES; AND

**(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

9 (C) FOR EACH QUALIFIED INMATE IN THE TRANSITIONAL WORK RELEASE  
10 PROGRAM, THE DIVISION MAY:

11 (1) CONDUCT REGULAR DRUG TESTS;

12 (2) REQUIRE MONITORING BY A GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM  
13 DEVICE; AND

16 (D) AS PART OF THE TRANSITIONAL WORK RELEASE PROGRAM:

17                   **(1) A QUALIFIED INMATE MAY BE RELEASED FROM A CORRECTIONAL**  
18 **FACILITY TO WORK UNDER STATE SUPERVISION WHILE REMAINING HOUSED AT THE**  
19 **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY DURING NONWORKING HOURS; AND**

23 (I) OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT WITH A PRIVATE OR NONPROFIT  
24 EMPLOYER; AND

25 (II) LIVE IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING OUTSIDE THE  
26 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2019.