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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure - Sentencing - Costs of Confinement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a judge who sentences a defendant to a term of
4 confinement in a State correctional facility to also declare in open court the total
5 cost, including overhead, of confining the defendant for the full term; providing
6 that the failure of a judge to comply with this Act does not affect the legality of
7 the sentence; and generally relating to criminal sentencing procedures.

8 BY adding to
9 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
10 Section 640A
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

16 640A.

17 (A) WHEN A JUDGE SENTENCES A DEFENDANT TO A TERM OF CONFINEMENT
18 IN A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, THE JUDGE SHALL ALSO DECLARE IN OPEN
19 COURT THE TOTAL COST, INCLUDING OVERHEAD, OF CONFINING THE DEFENDANT
20 FOR THE FULL TERM.

21 (B) THE FAILURE OF A JUDGE TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION DOES NOT
22 AFFECT THE LEGALITY OF THE SENTENCE.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2000.