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CHAPTER 228

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services - Department of Public Safety and Correctional**
3 **Services - Advisory Council on Offender Employment Coordination**
4 **Membership**

5 FOR the purpose of adding the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to the
6 Advisory Council on Offender Employment Coordination; extending the terms of
7 membership of Council members; eliminating the position of full-time Executive
8 Director of the Council; providing for extending the termination of this Act date
9 of the Advisory Council until a certain date; making a technical change; and
10 generally relating to the Advisory Council on Offender Employment
11 Coordination.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Correctional Services
14 Section ~~2-301~~ and 2-302
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1999 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - Correctional Services
19 Section 2-301, 2-303 and 2-304, 2-304, and 2-305
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1999 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Chapter 687 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001

1 Section 2

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

4 **Article - Correctional Services**

5 2-301.

6 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

7 (b) "Council" means the Advisory Council on Offender Employment
8 Coordination.9 ~~(c) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Advisory Council~~
10 ~~on Offender Employment Coordination.~~11 ~~(d)~~ (C) (1) "Governmental unit" means a permanent instrumentality in the
12 Executive, Legislative, or Judicial Branch of State government.13 (2) "Governmental unit" includes a department, board, commission,
14 agency, or a subunit in the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial Branch of State
15 government and those county-funded State entities specified in Article 24, § 8-101 of
16 the Code.17 ~~(e)~~ (D) "Offender" means a present or former inmate, or any individual
18 under the correctional supervision of the Department.

19 2-302.

20 There is an Advisory Council on Offender Employment Coordination in the
21 Department.

22 2-303.

23 The Council consists of:

24 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
25 the Senate;26 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
27 the House;

28 (3) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services;

29 (4) the State Superintendent of Education;

30 (5) one representative of Baltimore City appointed by the Mayor of
31 Baltimore;

1 (6) one representative of the Judicial Branch of the State government
 2 appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals; [and]

3 (7) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION; AND

4 [(7)] (8) seven members appointed by the Governor as follows:

5 (i) four representatives of the business community;

6 (ii) two representatives of faith based or nonprofit communities;

7 and

8 (iii) one representative from a labor trade.

9 2-304.

10 (a) (1) The Governor shall appoint a chairman from among the members of
 11 the Council selected under § [2-303(7)(i)] 2-303(8)(I) of this subtitle.

12 (2) The Council shall determine the times and places of the meetings of
 13 the Council.

14 (b) A quorum of the Council is eight members.

15 (c) (1) Unless extended by law, the terms of members end on [August 31,
 16 2004] AUGUST 31, 2007.

17 (2) If a vacancy occurs during the term of a member, the appointing
 18 authority shall appoint another individual to serve the remainder of the term.

19 (d) A member of the Council:

20 (1) may not receive compensation for duties performed as a member of
 21 the Council; but

22 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
 23 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

24 (e) The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall provide:

25 ~~(1) a full-time Executive Director; and~~

26 ~~(2) staff support and technical assistance.~~

27 2-305.

28 The Council shall:

29 (1) gather information[,] AND solicit ideas[, and advise and provide
 30 guidance to the Executive Director] on ways to:

- 1 [(i)] (1) develop transitional supports and expand employment
2 opportunities for offenders both in institutional and community settings;
- 3 [(ii)] (2) provide more extensive employment counseling for
4 offenders under correctional control;
- 5 [(iii)] (3) transfer successful institutional programs and services
6 that prepare offenders for employment and provide employment opportunities to
7 community settings;
- 8 [(iv)] (4) increase job placement and job retention rates for all
9 offenders under correctional control;
- 10 [(v)] (5) improve the overall coordination of employment services
11 for offenders;
- 12 [(vi)] (6) develop and implement a business mentoring program;
13 and
- 14 [(vii)] (7) conduct mock job fairs in institutions and in the
15 community]; and
- 16 (2) assist the Executive Director in the development of a plan for
17 transitional employment that incorporates the objectives stated in item (1) of this
18 section].

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Chapter 687 of the Acts of 2001

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 June 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of [3] 6 years and 3 months and,
22 at the end of August 31, [2004] 2007, with no further action required by the General
23 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 2 months and, at the
26 end of August 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
27 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.