CHAPTER 681

(House Bill 1048)

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services - Maryland Correctional Enterprises - Revolving Fund

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that certain funds be transferred in certain fiscal years from the Maryland Correctional Enterprises' revolving fund to a special fund to be used by the Maryland State Department of Education for certain purposes; and generally relating to Maryland Correctional Enterprises.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Correctional Services Section 3–507 Annotated Code of Maryland (1999 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

Article – Correctional Services

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(a) The Department shall include the budget for Maryland Correctional Enterprises in the Department's budget.

(b) (1) Maryland Correctional Enterprises may establish a revolving fund to contain an amount that the Treasurer approves.

[(2) (i) For each of fiscal years 2006 through 2009, the first \$1,000,000 in the revolving fund in excess of the amount required to operate Maryland Correctional Enterprises shall be transferred to a special fund to be used by the State Department of Education for the operation of educational programs in correctional institutions.

(ii) Money from the revolving fund shall supplement and may not supplant funding for the operation of educational programs in correctional institutions.]

[(3)] (2) (i) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the revolving fund may be used for general operating expenses and the purchase of capital assets.

(ii) The revolving fund may be used to provide financial assistance, up to \$250,000 in a fiscal year, to the Division of Correction to establish and operate employment readiness training programs and transitional services to rehabilitate inmates currently or previously employed by Maryland Correctional Enterprises.

[(4)] (3) The revolving fund established under paragraph (1) of this subsection is not subject to \$7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

[(5)] (4) Maryland Correctional Enterprises shall submit an annual statement to the Comptroller and the Treasurer that provides an accurate and detailed accounting of all receipts and disbursements from the revolving fund.

(c) General Fund money may be appropriated to Maryland Correctional Enterprises to be used for the direct expenses of training inmates.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2008.